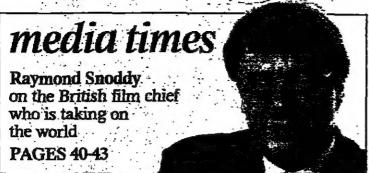
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TORIES?



IN THE SATURDAY TIMES SHERYL CROW Why I can't make

'Jowell opposes tobacco decision'

MPs attack Blair over Formula One

CHIEF POLITICAL

TONY BLAIR came under renewed pressure over the Formula One affair yesterday as two Commons committees strongly criticised his decision to exempt motor racing from the tobacco sponsorship ban.

The Commons Health and European Legislation Committees rushed out reports seriously questioning the Prime Minister's justification for the special treatment for Formula One.

The reports from the two committees, both heavily Labour dominated, mark the first time that the Government has faced criticism by a select

The Health Select Committee vehemently opposed the Prime Minister's decision to make Formula One a special case and recommended that it should have to find alternative sponsors, like other sports.

In a move which will infuriate Downing Street, David Hinchcliffe, the Labour conmittee chairman supp that Tessa Jowell, the Health Minister, who has been she hadn't been landed in this crossessamined by both committees, did not support the decision taken by Mr. Blair to seek a permanent exemption for Formula One, and was overruled. In a one-page report, produced within hours of Ms Jowell's appearance, the committee said: We are par-ticularly concerned at the Government's proposal to seek an EC directive which contains provision for a permanent exemption for Formula One.

Secret fund for **Beckett office**

Margaret Beckett is receiving financal assistance from a blind trust set up before the iblicise all its donors. The President of the Board of Trade is using the confidential source of money to help to run her constituency office.

We believe that Formula One should be placed under the same pressure as other sports. to seek alternative

Mr Hinchcliffe later said

that Ms lowell had campaigned passionately to remove tobacco advertising sponsorship and had argued the case when she was a member of the committee herself. "I believe that she's in a situation she doesn't believe in herself ... I believe that the decision is something that she wouldn't personally support if The Committee on European Legislation said exemption for Formula One "deserves closer examination. The report. questions the Government's assertion that 50,000 jobs would be lost if Formula One was forced out of Europe. It-

says it would be nearer 8,000. We find that the most difficult question to answer is simply this: why should For-mula One be singled out for

ident of the Board of Trade, said mone of the key figures criticised would be disquali-fied from being company di-rectors. The DTI said Mrs.

Beckett had received strong

legal advice suggesting that she would be unable to sustain

an application for disqualifica-tion of any of those criticised in

the report.
David Donaldson, QC, and

ian Watt, an accountant, who

had to wait for criminal pro-

ceedings to end before they

could publish their 300-page report, said that, even after ten

years, some of their findings would shock the City.

The report paints a vivid picture of how it was possible

for the Guinness camp artifi-cially to raise the price of the brewing giant's shares in the closing stages of its bitter battle for Distillers, the Scot-

tish drinks company, in 1986.

Win at any price", page 32

If you think this is

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report from the DTI"

City action, page 27

Last night the Prime Minisaim was to get a European directive on tobacco sponsor-ship agreed. The approach, the policy objective has always been the same to get a ban on tobacco on tobacco advertising and sponsorship," he said. The Government hit trouble on a second front yesterday when it emerged that 120 MPs have written a private letter to Gordon Brown opposing his decision to cut lone parent benefits by up to fill a week and urging him to rethink. But the Prime Minister's sman insisted that there would be no bowing to pres-sure on the issue. The Gov-

ernment has got to govern and

take decisions that all sorts of

people might not like from

time to time," he said. The private letter to Gordon Brown, said to be signed by 120 MPs, argues that the policy should be shelved until the government has had time to assess its welfare to work programme to encourage lone partents in to jobs. MPs privately argue that it should be principal private secretaries (who are not allowed to publicly: oppose government policy)was sent after Mr Brown's announcement on

childcare on Tuesday. The backbenchers have made clear that the out-ofschool childcare package will do little to help lone parents with under school age childreq or those who do not want

Spencer goes



Tears and rock music at Hutchence funeral

FROM ROGER MAYNARD IN SYDNEY

INXS member, who urged fans not to copy Mr Hutch-

ence's death. Australia has

one of the worst youth suicide

rates in the world.

A DISTRAUGHT Paula Yates said goodbye to her partner, Michael Hutchence, at a moving and sombre but colourful funeral in Sydney yesterday. Friends had to support Ms Yates as she entered St An-

drew's Cathedral for the hourlong service for her rock star lover, who was found hanged aged 37 in his hotel suite at the Ms Yates cradled their 16month-old daughter, Heaven-

ly Hiraani Tiger Lily, as she sat in the front pew. Occasionally the service became too much for her and she had to be comforted. She did not wear the wedding dress bought for her planned marriage to Hutchence - which she had said she would dye black for the funeral. Instead she wore a sleeveless, kneelength, white-floral-patterned

Thousands of fans stood outside the cathedral as the singer's coffin, adorned with a single yellow tiger lily and 500 blue irises, arrived. About 1,200 mourners had

The mourners included Tom Jones, the singer, Kylie

"We ask the band's fans and those who are touched by his death not to react in any way that would hurt themselves," he said. "Michael would not have wanted that."

In an emotional tribute, Rhett Hutchence said he had visited the hotel room where his brother had died. "I spent some time in his room the other night to see if it had any answers," he said. "It seemed a sad room — it definitely wasn't Michael." The culogies included one from Andrew Farriss, a fellow

Following the hymn The Lord's My Shepherd, the Dean of Sydney told the congregation: "We must thank God for the person whose life we shared and who made memories possible."

The service closed with the coffin being carried out by the surviving members of INXS and Rheft, as the band's song. Never Tear Us Apart, re-sounded through the cathedral. Still clutching her daughter. Ms Yates followed as the family departed for a private cremation ceremony. Minutes later, the last person to see Mr Hutchence alive, the actress Kym Wilson, followed. She spent four hours in the singer's Ritz Carlton suite in the early hours of Saturday.

Jailed rapist can sue woman who claimed harassment

BY TIM JONES, FRANCES GIBB AND JOANNA BALE

CONVICTED rapist accused of harassing a woman with letters and phone calls from prison was yesterday given permission to sue her for libel for writing to the police about his behaviour. Lynne Griffiths was said to

be "devastated and bewildered" by the decision by the Court of Appeal in which costs were also awarded against

David Daniels's earlier attempt to sue her was thrown out in the High Court an abuse of process designed to harass the woman with "no prospect of success".

But yesterday, in a ruling which has far-reaching implications for the legal status of written complaints from the public to the police, the Apeal Court said he had the right to

The ruling is at odds with one from the same court in July which said that witnesses who make statments in connection with possible criminal proceedings are entitled to immunity from any civil action brought on the basis of Daniels, 43, was sentenced

to life imprisonment in 1983 for one charge of rape and three of attempted rapes. For a year he terrorised a district of Swansea and was dubbed the Armed with a flick knife, he pounced on girls as they walked up the hill or attacked

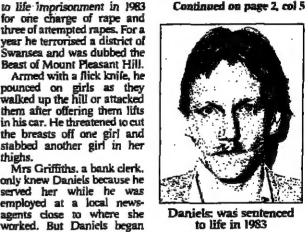
in his car. He threatened to cut the breasts off one girl and stabbed another girl in her Mrs Griffiths, a bank clerk, only knew Daniels because he served her while he was employed at a local newswriting to her as soon as he was jailed claiming they had a relationship which never hecame physical. He also wrote to her husband asking him to get her to sign an admission to help him gain his release. Mrs Griffiths complained to

the police "in desperation" after receiving numerous letters and telephone calls from Daniels while he was at Gartree prison.

In a statement to the court, she said: "The constant harassment was affecting the health and happiness of my family." In 1994, Daniels's application for release was turned down by the parole board which said his feelings for Mrs Griffiths were pathological."

He then tried to sue Mrs Griffiths for libel claiming her letter to police had led the parole board to conclude that he was mentally unstable and would be a danger to her if he was released.

Cherie Booth, QC, argued that the letter to South Wales Police was libellous and he should have the chance to sue her and cross-examine her in court so the truth of his claims



Daniels: was sentenced

Deception charge in Guinness report

BY GEORGE SIVELL AND PAUL DURMAN

INSPECTORS from the De- tempt for truth and common partment of Trade and Industry accuse the main participants in the Guinness affair of "an enterprise of deception" in their report published yesterday, ten years after it was commissioned.

Although further prosecu-tions are unlikely, the report cast a cloud over City practices. The inspectors accuse those involved of a cynical disregard for laws and regula-tions, a cavalier misuse of company money and a con-

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on the attack Earl Spencer went on the

offensive yesterday by reveal-ing the size of the divorce deal he has offered his estranged wife, Victoria, and encourag-ing his closest friend to defend But Margaret Beckett, Pres

David Horton-Fawkes dismissed allegations that the earl had had a dozen affairs

Hunting backers gather for vigil

Hunting supporters began a 24-hour vigil outside Westminster as MPs prepared to give a big Commons majority today to a backbench Bill to outlaw fox-hunting. Michael Foster's Bill is highly unlikely to become law. The Govern-ment again insisted that it would not provide extra

Minimum wage deal offered

The Government yesterday offered for the first time in Britain to all employees an entitlement to be paid not less than a legal minimum wage rate. Ministers proclaimed that they were delivering on one of Labour's key election pledges as they launched the legislation. ___Page 27 Leading article, page 21

Sink Britannia' says Princess

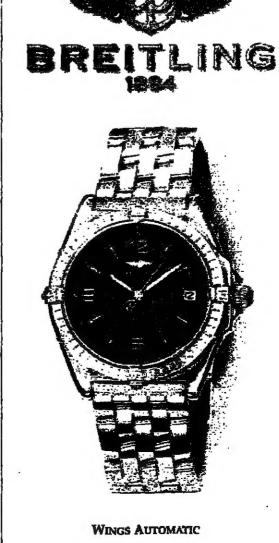
The Princess Royal's appeal for Britannia to be scuttled and not preserved as a tourist attraction has left the Govern-ment — which had decided scrapping the yacht would cause public outrage — in a dilemma. The Princess has said that she fears the yacht would not be maintained properly in private Page 10

Minogue, the former soap star turned singer, who had an affair with Mr Hutchence several years ago, and one of his more recent girlfriends. Helena Christiansen, the

At one stage a man jumped up from his seat on the balcony and shouted exple-tives. "He was going to do a swan dive." said a police officer who managed to restrain the man.

bjack dress.

seats in the cathedral, among them 200 invited guests, mem-bers of Mr Hutchence's family, friends and his band,



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Leading

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A leading unionist was

shot and critically wound

ed in north Belfast last

night, the victim of what

nal loyalist dispute. The

nan, named as Jackie

Mahood, was shot in the

head by two masked gun-

Northern Ircland's Unionists prepared for a con-ference at Hatfield House

in Hertfordshire today aimed at uniting David Trimble's Ulster Union-

ists and the Democratic

Unionist and UK Union-

The Royal Opera House yesterday appointed Judy Grahame to sort out its

troubled image. For the

past two years she has been marketing manager

of the BBC Proms and

helped the London Phil-

harmonic Orchestra to

win its residency at the Festival Hall.

Au pair refusal

Louise Woodward, who

was convicted of the man-

slaughter of a baby in her

care, said she has "no

intention" of selling her

story. In a statement re-

leased in Boston, where

she is living pending her appeal. Miss Woodward said: "We have turned

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ist parties.

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in the Crumlin

Beware outbreaks of fatal foot-in-mouth disease

things are done. During exchanges on the single currency, but keen to ask about single mothers. Dennis Skinner reminded MPs that Marks & Spencer was planning to accept payment in euros — "and some of these customers will be single

The Speaker sighed. "And some single mothers will have less to spend, because ... " And he was away. Gordon Brown stonewalled, of course, but Skinner had got it off

Brown stonewalls well. Alistair Darling, his impressive Chief Secretary, is learning. Darling, who has removed his beard, grows

smoother at every session. But yesterday he slipped. Invited

MARGARET BECKETT is

receiving financal assistance

from a blind trust set up

before the election, despite a

pledge by the Labour leader-

ship to publicise the names of

of Trade is using the confiden-

tial source of money to help to

run her constituency office,

which is managed by her

The revelation that a senior

Cabinet minister has main-

tained a trust fund, which was

set up when she was in Opposition, will be seized on

by Tory MPs to try to revive

the charge of Labour sleaze.

They will today press Mrs

Beckett to name the donors or

Neill. QC, who replaced Lord Nolan as the chairman of the

Committee on Standards in

Public Life, confirmed that his

inquiry into fundraising

would investigate blind trusts.

other individuals are the

anonymous trustees of the

Margaret Beckett Research

which channels thousands of

Administration Trust,

Two Labour MPs and two

Only yesterday Sir Patrick

Leo, in the

The President of the Board

all its donors.

close the trust.

by the charmingly-named Howard Stoate (Lab, Dartford) to say a few words on the wonderfulness of the Government, Darling thought he heard a Tory jeer. This stung

"They scoff," he said, "but the stock market is up, a sign that business has absolute confidence in this Government" [my italics]. Stop! Stock markets can go

down. One day this one will. Then enemies will ask whether - since the Chief Secretary stated on November 27, 1997, that a rising market shows business "has absolute confidence" in Government -he now accepts that business has no confidence. Read my lips, Mr D: 'A-v-o-i-d h-o-s-t-a-g-e-s t-o

Beckett's office

'gets thousands

from secret trust'

By Andrew Pierce, political correspondent

office. The trust is registered in

the latest Commons register of

and John Prescott, who oper-

ated trusts before the election

to run their offices, wound

them up on May i. The

organiser of Mr Blair's blind

trust, Michael Levy, was given

a life peerage after the election.

The Labour leader has com-mitted the party to publicising the names of all its donors

The money raised by Mrs

Beckett's trustees is chan-

nelled through the Commons

fees office to pay the salary of a

researcher in her Commons

office. Although the trustees of

was thought to have raised at

least £500,000 a year, were

publicised, the trustees behind Mrs Beckett's fund have not

Mr Beckett said: "They

would prefer to retain their

confidentality. They do not

want to be in the public eye.

We are happy to respect that."

Mr Beckett denied that he and

his wife were in breach of any

rules, and said that they had

obtained clearance from the

been made public.

Mr Blair's blind trust, which

who give more than £5,000.

Tony Blair, Gordon Brown



I have been making a study of the things politicians wish they never said. Sometimes (as in Mr Darling's case) the mistake lies not in the remark, which may be true, but in the making of it - which may be

But there is a quite different category of political mis-utterance. a category for which the session which followed later that afternoon looks likely to have yielded a rich harvest. When politicians commit themselves to opinions about tech-

Nolan committee. Although

Mr Beckett said that he would

not name the donors, he said

that they were not suitable to

be compared to Bernie

Ecclestone, the head of Formu-

la One, who gave the Labour

Party El million. They are not

Mrs Beckett, once regarded

as a left-wing firebrand, has

the use of a grace-and favour

apartment in Admiralty Arch

in London as President of the

Board of Trade. Cabinet

ministers earn an annual sala-

ry of £87,851 and receive an

Sir Gordon Downey, the

Parlamentary Commissioner

for Standards, investigated

Mr Blair's blind trust and

found no evidence of any

wrongdoing. The trusts are

regarded as a legitimate de-

vice for politicians to raise

finance as they cannot be

accused of responding to do-

nations if they do not know

who provided the finance. But

Sir Gordon was known to be

unhappy about the arrange-

ment. Members of the new

Neill committee are in favour

of maximum disclosure, in-

cluding the names of the

office allowance of £47,568.

in that class," he said.

stand, time finds them out. David Clarke made a statement on "Computers (Millennium Compliance)". We gathered this was something to do with the problem of getting computer year-dates to begin with

This Sketch does not mock. The Midland Bank (quoted yesterday) is doubtless right in giving a warning that one business in five may go bust. But I do not pretend to know. MPs pretend. For the Tories, Cheryl Gillan (Chesham and Amersham) went on so long about gemini survey" that Skinner shout-ed, "Hurry up, the millennium's

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Rhodri Morgan (Lab. Cardiff West) said this was the biggest thing since calendars changed from Julian to Gregorian "in 1720 or whatever". His excitement mounted. "An issue the whole-House and whole country needs to be involved in!" he cried.

For the Liberal Democrats, Malcolm Bruce was reduced by the importance of it all to stammering The gap is huge!" and predicting a public-spending meltdown.

And they may all be right, of course. But in moments of scepticism, I comfort myself with the words of Prime Minister Asquith on decimal currency ("You would have a revolution within a week"). those of Mr Scott-Montague, MP, in 1903, on cars (I do not believe the introduction of motor-cars will ever affect the riding of horses). Colonel Ashley, MP, Roads Minister, in 1927 ("I do not think it would be practicable to introduce pedestrian crossings in London') and Major Shaw, MP, in 1936 ("I amperfectly convinced the role of the cavalry is as important today as it has been throughout

□ Read My Lips, a treasury of things politicians wish they hadn't said, compiled by Matthew Parris and Phil Mason, is published by

Blair ends 100 years of lobby

TONY BLAIR brought 100 years of official secrecy surrounding relations between Downing Street and the press to an end yesterday by announcing that, from now on, his official spokesman would

Blair's press secretary, took a microphone and tape-recorder to the meeting of the Lobby. the 120-strong group of accredited political correspondents, which has been in operation at Westminster since 1884. There have been regular briefings for more than 60 years, almost

A 30-minute gathering which has often been shrouded in a rather spurious mys-tery was recorded for the first

Mr Campbell will be known as the Prime Minister's official spokesman. The hope is that his words will have added authority through being an on-the-record representation of Mr Blair's position, and that the credibility of anonymous sources giving a conflict ing view of the government line will be diminished.

Mr Campbell will not be named because he said, such a move would be to build up an unelected official into a figure in his own right.

Peter Riddell, page 13



down six-figure offers." On-line lottery

An on-line computer lottery with 50 draws a day and a maximum jackpot of £25,000 was launched. Tickets for Prontol, sold initially in pubs and clubs, will cost f1 each with 20p going to charity. But the Government beaddictive gambling.

Forensic tests

Police searching for Gracia Morton, 40, who disappeared in west London two weeks ago, have Scotland Yard refused to comment on a report that these include a page from a motoring atlas with a bloodstained palm print.

officer

Driving purge

The Government yester-day signalled a fresh assault on drink-driving by announcing moves to target serious and persistent offenders. Proposals to reduce the drink-drive limit will also be included in a government consultation exercise on cutting drink-drive deaths.

Falkland link

Falkland Islanders will be getting their first live television service from Britain for Christmas. A 24-hour satellite link is due to begin on Monday. carrying programmes from the BBC and ITV. and live football matches from Sky.

Santa's surprise, page 41 Farson dies



Dan Farson, above, the writer, photographer and drinker, died aged 70 in a Devon hospital yesterday after a long battle against cancer of the pancreas. Farson found fame as a raconteur on London's Soho pub scene and was a drinking partner of the late Jeffrey Bernard.

Stewart sacked

Rod Stewart, the rock singer, has been sacked as patron of a Royal British Legion club in Muswell Hill. North London, because he donated only 100 in his four years in the position. The club had hoped he would be a major fundraiser for their cause.



Margaret Beckett with her husband, Leo. He declined to name the donors

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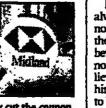
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same room as her. Sir Brian Neill, giving the

can establish the true position through a libel action, he "has fine line. It is going to be very difficult for people to help the

always maintained there was no physical relationship but there was a strong affection between them which she could not acknowledged. He believes that that was what led him to commit the offence and to being misunderstood by the psychiatrists."

Christopher Vosper, representing Mrs Griffiths, told the Appeal Court that Daniels's attempt to launch legal action was a "manifestation of his obsession" and he was trying to use the courts as a way of seeing her and being in the

lead ruling, said that unless he

no prospect of correcting this misconception and therefore police to know where they

for civil actions against complaints to the police did not extend to all the statments made by the woman when complaining about the man, only to those relating to a possible offence. While the woman's statement alleging harassment were protected

a legal immunity. Mrs Griffiths's solicitor,

abuse of process of the courts. under the immunity, her comthe three judges had to allow him his costs against Mrs

that will be declared.

Mr Davis's proposals have won strong support from across the political spectrum.

Robert Maclennan, a Liberal

Democrat member of the fi-

nance committee, hailed the

reforms as an important modernising step. He said: "Wherever public money goes

the NAO ought to have the

The Court of Appeal has sought to limit the extent of the

immunity and said that there

may be statements made by

my client in a separate context - in this case to help the Parole Board - and that such

statements are not immune."

terday's appeal against an order that his claim was an

Because Daniels won yes-

right to follow it."

stand.

By Nicholas Watt, political correspondent THE Queen's finances are to his new job. The grants that be opened to public scrutiny will come under scrutiny are said: The Royal Family is for the first time in a move by the £8.9 million annual Civil making great efforts to inthe Commons public spending List, which finances the workcrease transparency and openwatchdog to enhance efforts to ing expenses of the Queen, the ness in its affairs. Those efforts Duke of Edinburgh and modernise the monarchy. will strengthen public support for the monarchy and we can all applaud them. Our propos-Under the radical reform Queen Elizabeth the Queen plan nearty £50 million of Mother. taxpayers' money that fi-nances the Royal Household The Queen receives £7.9 als go entirely with the grain of those efforts." He made million a year and the Duke and the Queen Mother receive will be open for inspection by clear that the Queen's own finances should remain the National Audit Office, £500,000 each. Other grants which reports to the Public Accounts Committee (PAC). are £20.4 million for the royal residences and £19.5 million The reform comes amid a determined effort by the Palit means that MPs will be for the Oueen's transport. The able to question Palace officigrants will be scrutinised by ace to be more open about the als on their expenditure and Queen's finances. The grants for travel and royal residences issue critical reports if they decide that money is being spent unwisely. Government are audited by Palace accountants who publish a report departments have been wary Sir John Bourn, the Comptrol-The Palace does not publish ler and Auditor General. of the committee's stringent details of the Civil List because powers since the PAC was set A senior ministerial source that is a matter for the up by Gladstone in 1861 when said last night that the Gov-Treasury. It is understood that the Queen is making savings

he was Chancellor. ernment was committed to greater transparency in public

Dawn Primarolo, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, is to discuss the plan with David Davis, the new Conservative chairman of the PAC. The Government and all the main parties appear to be in sympathy. Mr Davis, Minsiter for

Europe in the last government, launched the initiative within weeks of taking over

finances. The source pointed out that the Government had recently removed the "not for NAO eyes" stipulation that barred the Audit Office from examining key areas of public

> Mr Davis admitted that the plan would be controversial. but he said it was in the interests of the Queen for her

Royal finances open

to public scrutiny

Rapist allowed to sue Tim Rees, said: This is a very

could be tested to "convince the prison authorities he is not

Ms Booth said: "He has no realistic prospect of obtaining parole".

The judges said immunity

> plaints went wider, the judges Their ruling means that in future, statements made by witnesses to the police will not automatically be protected by

Mrs Griffiths's lawyer, Ann Morgan, of Douglas-Jones Mercer in Swansea, said: "My TRIDAY NOVEMBER 201

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THE TIMES FRIDAY NOVEMBER 28 1997

FROM INIGO GILMORE AND CHRIS LOGAN IN CAPE TOWN

WOUNDED by accessations of adultery and crueity. Earl Spencer went on the offensive yesterday by revealing the size of the divorce deal he has offered his extraord, wife offered his estranged wife, Victoria, and encouraging his closest friend to defend his

On the steps of the Cape.
Town court David HorizonFawkes dismissed allegations that the earl had had a dezen affairs as "malicious".

Mr Horton Fawkes, who

was described as a friend of ter revai opera ha the earl since childhood and manager of the Althorn estate, was careful not to blame. Counters Spencer for Missignating the past week of accusa-Counters Spender for histigates at with him during four days ing the past week of accessations. He suggested that she Mrs Collopy, who has backed

Lord Spencer's former lovers, Chantal Collopy, a fashion designer who is named in the divorce petition but is giving evidence for Lady Spencer.
"I cannot believe that Vic-

toria herself, whom I have known and liked since she married Charles, would deliberately stoop to this level, he said reading from his pre-pared statement. He blamed Mrs Collopy who, he said, "appeared determined to become the next Countess

Mr Horton-Fawkes, who went to Eton with the earl, has

THE OFFER

Earl Spencer has offered his estranged wife a £310,000 lump som, plus £2,500 maintenance a Countess Spencer would be given the Silverhurst estate house — worth near-ly £300,000 — where she: lives in Cape Town with their four children. She of the house and a

private medical insurance. There would be provision 2310,000 lump sons, plus for anything that the child-22,500 maintenance a ren needed, including mouth for the rest of her clothes, equipment, educa-life or until she remarries. from and all health matters. to Britain. Lord Spencer's barrister, Leslie Weinkove said outside the court that maintenance of £2,500 a would also get the contents month would give Lady Spencer a higher income Mercedes. Lord Spencer than that of would also pay for her South Africa. than that of a judge in

had been influenced by one of Lord Spencer's former lovers, Chantal Collopy, a fashion the divorce settled in England. was determined to bring Charies down".

It was also announced that the earl's expensive legal team was surprisingly dropping attempts to prevent South African newspapers from covering in detail the allegations made against him in court.

Lord Spencer claimed that it was not only against South African law but it was also harming his children. Officially the earl said last night he did not want his divorce to "a constitutional

He insisted he did not dictate what his friend said outside the court. His spokesman said he knew David wanted to defend his name but he had no idea what he was going to say". Mr Horton-Fawkes said

that, as a friend of the earl for 20 years - and as godfather to one of the couple's four child-ren — he was determined to "set the record straight".

Until now he had "admired the way in which Charles and Victoria have managed to maintain a civil and friendly relationship". He told of let-ters that Lord Spencer had written to her while she was receiving medical treatment for alcohol problems and eat-



Countess Spencer outside the court yesterday. She said she was in good spirits

lovingly and touchingly thanked him for his tolerance and support". He added that Charles would never treat the mother of his four children in

a mean or malicious manner. "Her welfare and that of his children has always been been his utmost concern and will continue to be so. I believe Victoria knows this, but her advisers don't.

Friends of the earl have

at the ferocity of the allega-tions against him during four days of evidence. They had expected the case to be about whether the divorce should be heard in London or South

Yesterday as he sat in court in his now trademark black suit, the earl looked pensive and morose. By contrast his wife, in a long black dress, chatted and joked with her

sat behind her. When asked by one of her legal team if she was in good spirits, Lady Spencer, who is asking for a settlement of £3.75 million. replied confidently: "Yes".

Mrs Collopy refused to comment last night.

Jeremy Gauntlett, Lady
Spencer's barrister, said Mr Horton-Fawkes's statement "would be answered in court". Both women are expected to

> them on one occasion." She said she was shocked

Mr Pearson said: "I don't deny that I taped Mrs Davison's calls. It was done done anything wrong."

Mrs Davison's husband.

Neighbour sent phone tapes of affair to iilted wife

A PENSIONERS' love affair was exposed when calls from the husband of a Women's Institute chairman to his mistress over a cordless telephone were picked up by a neighbour's radio.

According to Yvonne Davison, her 72-year-old neighbour in South Shields, Type and Wear, Vernon Pearson, made tape recordings of her conversations with Bill Lichfield, 67. The recordings were sent to Mr Lichfield's wife, Doreen, chairman of the Women's Institute in Stapleford, Nottinghamshire.

The first the lovers knew of their conversations being recorded was when Mrs Lichfield began divorce pro-ceedings and information from the tapes was used in court. Police arrested Mr Pearson and confiscated 84 tapes and transcripts, but the Crown Prosecution Service decided to take no further

Last night Mrs Davison, 60. a medical receptionist whose husband died six years ago, said she and Mr Lich-field began to suspect someone was eavesdropping as soon as legal procedings began. "Doreen always seemed to be one step ahead of us and seemed to know our movements," she said.

"Every time we went to court she was prepared for everything that could be thrown at her and was armed with evidence. They had a carrier bag of tapes with

when Police told her Mr Pearson had been taping the calls. "I thought that all the time he lived here he was the friend from next door, but he was actually the spy from next

under very special circumstances. I'm not worried about this at all, I haven't Mr Pearson learnt the Lichfields' address when they sent flowers on the death of

Bounties 'may help recover stolen millions'

By STEWART TENDLER

FINANCIAL "bounty hunters" from the City should be recruited to trace millions of pounds hidden away by sophisticated criminals, a leading police-

man said yesterday.

Auditors and accountants would be paid initialbut would take a percentage of what they recouped, making the scheme self-

financing.
Sir Geoffrey Dear, an Inspector of Constabulary and former Chief Constable of the West Midlands, said in a report on the National Criminal Intelligence Service that police forces currently used teams of detectives to trace assets, but the work was slow and often unproduct-

Sir Geoffrey said that action must be taken to strip major criminals of their money or they could become untouchable. He also called for laws modelled on American anti-Mafia and Irish gang-busting legislation which would allow the seizure of

cash or property.
Sir Geoffrey described some of the underworld's multimillionaires investigated by NCIS. One, known as "A", is thought to be Curtis Warren, the former Liverpool drug trafficker, who was worth more than £80 million when he was caught.

"D" built up a £400 million empire through investing stolen property in legitimate property deals and moving into the international underworld. Sir Geoffrey said mod-

ern criminals were using the latest technology, the Internet, encryption of messages and electronic transfer of funds and "all other accessible means to protect their gains". The global market had an underworld mirror image and British criminals were laundering their assests into legal commercial ventures and firms abroad.

Man who fought shy of media braves the limelight THE appearance of Earl Spencer's "closest incensed by the lies we have been forced to and oldest friend" on the steps of the read that I am prepared to endure any Supreme Court in Cape Town came as a exposure in order to set the record straight ly stoop to this level. She has been befriended

surprise vesterday.

David Horton-Fawkes was at Eton with the earl, and contemporaries remember them as inseparable. The earl asked him to be best man at his wedding, but he declined, saying he was afraid of media intrusion. At Althrop he is described as estate manager.

He said yesterday: "I have known Charles

and speak out independently.

"I first moved to the Althrop estate in England on April 1, 1995, shortly after the break-up of his marriage. Until now I have admired the way in which Charles and Victoria have managed to maintain a civil and friendly relationship.

"I would be prepared to remain quiet, had Spencer for 20 years and helped look after his interests in England for the past three years. It not become abundantly clear that Victoria interests in England for the past three years. I have spent many happy this at Altimop as public forum and the projection of open court a guest of Charles and Victoria. I am to make allegations against Charles I cannot godfather to one of their children I am so believe that Yictoria herself would deliberate malicious manner.

by Chantal Collopy, who, when I met her in England, appeared determined to become the next Countess Spencer.

Sensational allegations have been made against my friend, under the privilege of court, which documents sworn as true by Victoria, emphatically contradict.

I was living at Althrop [when] Charles was looking after his four children singlehandedly, when allegedly these dozen wo-



Earl Spencer and Mr Horton-Fawkes yesterday

RAF officer says sex with Serbian interpreter was a disaster



BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

THE RAF officer accused of murdering his wife for the love of a Serbian translator said yesterday that the haison was a bit of a sexual disaster. Squadron Leader Nicholas Tucker, 46, admitted a shortlived affair but told the jury that he had not killed his wife.

He announced his intention to remarry if acquitted, but the judge at Norwich Crown Court declined his offer to write down the name of his new partner. During two hours

in the witness box, the officer, who met Dijana Dudokovic, 21, while serving in Bosnia as a United Nations' military observer, said: "She was very flirtatious, fascinating to be with, very vivacious, and a very good interpreter. I became friendly with her. We were just very

good friends." A sexual relationship developed only when he arranged to bring her on leave to England five months later. They stayed at the RAF Club in Piccadilly before touring the New Forest and the South Coast. Only

twice had they made love, near the end of their secret week together. "It was while we were staying in folk, as they returned from a pub Southampton," he said. "It was a bit of a disaster, to put it bluntly. I

couldn't hack it. "After that, it was the wrong time of the month for her. I never had sexual intercourse with her on any other occasion." After the couple had returned independently to Yu-goslavia, the relationship had reverted to a friendship.

Mr Tucker denies murdering his wife in 1995, when he is alleged to

meal. Carol Tucker, 52, was found drowned under a bridge. The prosecution says that her husband had

first asphyxiated her. Mr Tucker said that he had few recollections of the accident, which was "over in a flash of a second". He said: "We were chatting. Carol shouted something to the effect, 'Mind the deer', which we saw in the road momentarily before me. I

honestly don't know how fast I was

going, it would have been higher than 30mph.

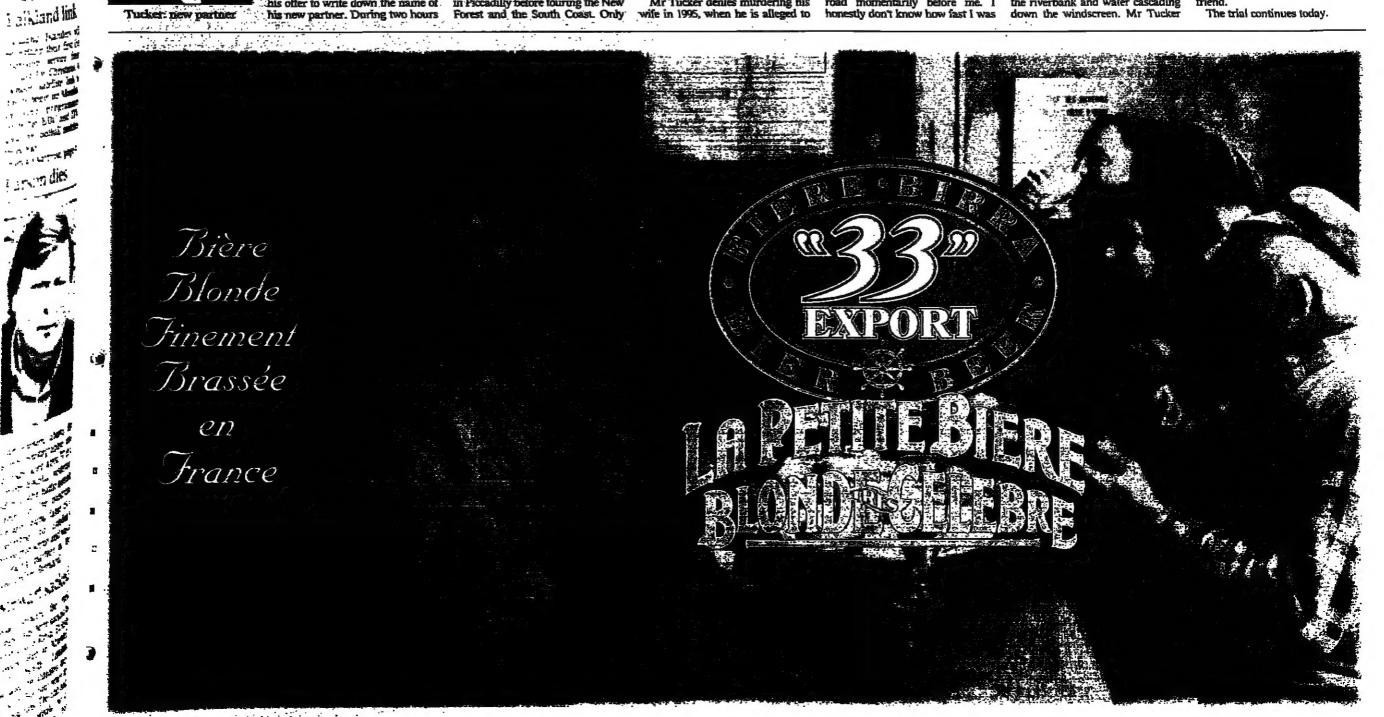
"Her arm moved, and my recollection is she grabbed the steering wheel. I say that because the movement to the left was more than me steering. At that point, I saw two animals in the road. My immediate thought was that they were dogs. Perhaps the size of labradors."

He retained three pictures in his memory: the animals, the reflection of headlights shining on weeds on the riverbank and water cascading

said he telephoned Ms Dudokovic in Switzerland, where she now lives with her husband, two days after the accident to tell her of his wife's

"Her immediate reaction was she thought I was playing some kind of sick joke, but then she was utterly dumbfounded and shocked". He agreed he made several phone calls to her, partly because of concern over events in Yugoslavia. He continued to telephone her as a

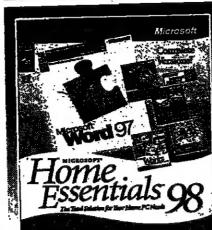
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IN THE rich history of rock star tragedies, Michael Hutchence's sudden death fits a pattern that will ensure his place in the music industry's hall of fame for years to come. In an industry where premature death is a pre-requisite for heroism, he has already

requisite for heroism, he has already gained a degree of immortality.

While there are still many unanswered questions about the events surrounding the singer's final hours, police have pieced together a remarkably detailed picture of what happened before and after his tragic end.

At 6 30cm on Friday, Michael's

At 6.30pm on Friday, Michael's at the Taste of India resistant in Sydney for a family dinner. They

dressed and smiling and took a window table. Ashley Totani, the manager, said: "Usually with these kind of people, the big stars, they like to sit with their backs to the room. He didn't. He sat looking into the restaurant. He didn't try to hide away at all. He was very, very open and relaxed and natural."

Michael did not eat much and at one stage in the evening his father appeared to show some concern. He put his hand on that of his son and remarked: "I'm very worried about you Michael. Is everything all right?" Michael replied: "Dad, I'm fine."

Kell drove his son back to the Ritz Carlton Hotel at about Ilpm. At about 11.10pm Hutchence went into a bar at Sydney harbourside suburb of Double Bay. He had a drink with some friends.

and applauded the female singer. Just before midnight, Hutchence and Kym Wilson, the Australian actress, took the lift to the rock star's fifth floor suite. at 4am. For the next five hours, hotel records show that Hutchence made several telephone calls from his hotel room. He is belived to have spoken to Paula Yates and Bob Geldof.

At 7am on Saturday he telephoned a friend, Michelle Bennet, and arranged to meet her for breakfast. She was asleep in bed so he left a message on her answering machine that said: "It's seven o'clock. I need to talk to you. Goodnight." Michelle arrived at the Ritz Carlton just before 10am but failed arranged for a note to be slid under his

At 11.55am a maid used her pass key

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found his body hanging from a leather belt attached to a spring door hinge.

Shortly after noon on Saturday police and ambulance officers arrived and declared Michael Hurchence dead. There were empty beer bottles, cocktail glasses and a bottle of French Champagne in the room. Police sources said the bed had been stripped back and there was evidence of sexual actitivity having taken place, but they could not say when.

It was some days before Kym Wilson gave a statement to police, but she told friends that Michael appeared to have been in a very positive mood and gave no indication of wanting to take his life.

that Hutchence had hanged himself, but there were no suspicious circum-



Relatives and members of Hutchence's band, INXS, bearing his coffin away

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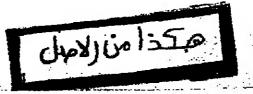
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His daughter, 14, had her throat cut while walking a neighbour's dog in Exeter. Suzanne Bushell said: "She's always going to be with us. We had I4 levely years with her." Asked whether he had

heard rumours that the lane

the girl used was unsafe, Mr Bushell said: "We had not heard anything specific. You cannot live your life in a cocoon. You have got to live it in the world where you are." Police have received 1,700

calls from the public but have not found the murder knife.

CORRECTIONS

[] A heading on a report (November 24) did not reflect the views of Martin Kemp. British Academy Wolfson Research Professor. He has called for a debate on the restoration of works of art, not a halt to that work. ☐ Scottish Telecom has con-

cluded a joint venture agree-ment with Martin Dawes Telecommunications Ltd. It has not bought that company. and Letters, page 23 as reported on November 17.

Hunt lobby attacks 'emotional blackmail'

Supporters of hunting gathered for a last blast of defiance before MPs

cast their votes in the Commons

today, reports Michael Hornsby

PRO-HUNT campaigners accused their opponents of "emo-tional blackmail" yesterday as they faced the prospect of a pesounding defeat in today's second reading vote in the Commons on a Private Mem-ber's Bill to ban their sport.

They were resigned to a large majority in favour of the Bill, and were relying on the Government to refuse to allocate enough time for the legislation to complete its

Robin Hanbury-Tenison, leader of the Countryside Alliance, the umbrella body for all field sports, said: "We have seen anti-hunt groups spend-ing up to £5 million on



Mallalieu: said she had

what amounts to a campaign of emotional blackmail."

Even if 73 per cent of the population supported a ban. as some polls suggested, that still left 27 per cent who did not. That is about 15.5 million people, or about two million more than elected the Labour Party at the last election. Some minority," he said.
Baroness Mallalieu, a Lab-

our member of the House of group in the party opposed to a hunting ban, said she had never encountered such anger and determination among aroused by the Bill, sponsored by Michael Foster, Labour MP for Worcester. She said: "Millions of people are saying that they do not want to live in a country which is governed by majority dictation."

About 150 country sports workers and supporters began a 24-hour vigil yesterday near the House of Commons in protest against the Wild Mammals (Hunting with Dogs) Bill, which would make hunting fox, deer, have and mink a criminal offence sub-ject to a maximum fine of E5,000 or imprisonment for up to six months.

Among them was Mark Allen, from Stratford-ondogs. He said: "I am just a

Members of seven Leicestershire hunts and supporters gathered in protest at a Countryside Alliance rally at Melton Mowbray yesterday

socially mixed pastimes in the whole of the country and it is outrageous that it is a socialist Government that is trying to ban hunting. In a letter to MPs, the Countryside Alliance said

hunting was the best and most

Hunting is one of the most

foxes. "A fox in prime condition is faster and smarter than any foxhound," it said. "The odds are in favour of the fox and most that are hunted survive. Should a fox be caught by hounds, its death is very quick and there is no risk

Seven Leicestershire hunts the Quorn, Cottesmore,

Belvoir, Fernie and Atherstone foxhounds, the Westerby Bassets and the Oakley Foot Beagles - staged a parade on Melton Mowbray aerodrome yesterday in protest against the Bill. The organisers claimed that 4,000 people on foot and 800 horses and riders

Vini Faal, chairman of the

Sharston Terrier and Lurcher Club, told the gathering: "Last week I met an a Welsh exminer who follows hounds. He said to me: 'I never thought I would be arguing with a Labour MP. The Tories took away my living, now the Labour Party want to take

away my life." Jim Barrington, a forme to supervise and regulate the Leading article,

executive director of the

League Against Cruel Sports, said: "A hunting ban will not improve the welfare of a single

fox. I would like to see an

independent authority set up



By NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR, AND NICK NUITALL

EUROPE should prepare for water of the North Atlantic is temperatures to fall to Arctic levels, even though meteorologists have declared 1997 the Earth's hottest year on record,

an American scientist says. Wallace Broecker, of Columbia University in New York, says the effect of global warming on the North Atlan-tic could disrupt the "motor" if so, the Gulf Stream would be turned off and winter temperatures in northern Pyrope would fall by at least within a decade. Britain would be as cold as Spitzbergen, 600 miles inside

the Arctic Circle.

Meteorological Office figures show that this year will be 0.43C warmer than the 30year average. Ocean currents, including

the Gulf Stream, are driven by a process called the thermohaline circulation. The cold, salty the driving force, sinking to the ocean bottom and pushing water through the world's oceans like a huge plunger. The result, as far as northern Europe is concerned, is a huge flow of warmer surface waters, including the Gulf. Stream, across the Atlantic. Northern Europe is conse-

corresponding latitudes in North America. The water of the North Atlantic has about 7 per cent more salt than that of the North Pacific, just sufficient to make it sink. If it were warmed by a few degrees, or made less salty by being diluted by melting ice, that

If it did, Dr Broecker writes

in Science, the consequences would be devastating. Were this to happen a century from now, at a time when we were struggling to produce enough food to nourish the projected population of 12 to 18 billion, it could lead to widespread

His warnings come as nations are preparing for the UN

Europe is pressing for a legally binding target of a 15 per cent cut in global warming gases by 2010. John Prescott, the Deputy Prime Minister, yesterday urged Australia to make a firm commitment to cut greenhouse gas emissions. He was speaking in Canberra on the final leg of a four-nation tour. John Howard, the Australian Prime Minister, last week released a plan to hold the country's greenhouse gas growth to 18 per cent by 2010.



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Gay prisoners underwent sexual 'cure"

were given electric shock treatment and oestrogen - a female sex hormone - in an attempt to make them heterosexual.

The effort to alter homosexuality in prison was revealed yesterday in Home Office papers released at the Public Record Office under the 30year rule. Medical officers tried a number of experiments to influence homosexual behaviour" and "to abolish the sexual urge".

Some prisoners asked for castration, and in some cases surgery was approved, but the prison officials preferred a combination of therapy and castration of body does not mean castration of mind".

Forty-three men were given electric shock treatment or aversion therapy. Pictures of a and, if they did not switch it off within eight seconds, they received a shock. Only 36 completed the treatment; the papers said 25 showed "signif-

The First World War Prime Minister David Lloyd

George ordered a woman who had plotted to murder

him in 1917 to be freed to

prevent a public relations

disaster, according to secret

government files released

yesterday. Ministers advised him

not to release Alice Wheeldon, who was on a

hunger striker, but he over-

ruled them, saying it was "undesirable" that she

should die in prison. Wheeldon was jailed for ten years after she and her

daughter, Winnie, were

convicted of the plot to kill the Prime Minister. She

was freed from Aylesbury

jail later that year because

Office records, Wheeldon

and her two daughters

played a part "in the suf-

fragette campaign of arson

According to the Home

of his direct intervention.

Newly released Home Office papers show inmates were given oestrogen and electric shocks in an attempt to

convert them. Valerie Elliott reports

dum to Rab Butler, then Home Secretary, officials recognised, however, that the treatment was flawed because the majority of gay prisoners

— or "inverts", as they were termed - refused treatment and others were serving sentences too short to take any

Butler approved the use of oestrogen in 1958 among prisoners who gave written con-sent, although it was not regarded as a permanent "cure". It had been forbidden previously because of the risk

of making men sterile.

According to the advice "the effect of administration of oestrogen to males is to diminish the effect of the sexual

PM freed suffragette

who plotted to kill him

Lloyd George: he was target of poison plot

fered with the campaign for

the authorities by allegedly

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jectors to avoid active mili-

tary service. Initial reports

omen's suffrage. Wheeldon had annoyed

The Prison Service found that in half those treated the men "were less likely in the future to indulge in homosex-ual behaviour". But of the 1,065 cases studied, 81 per cent refused treatment and 13 per cent were unsuitable.

The report states that every effort was made to turn the men's thoughts to work and "a healthy life". Gay Borstal boys were treated at Wormwood Scrubs while adult prisoners were treated at Wakefield, Maidstone and Leyhill.

The key condition for treatment was that an individual must have a sincere wish to be relieved of tension resulting

friendship — claimed that she told him he would be a

"saviour to his country" by

poisoning the Prime Minis-

ter, the papers said. She told him that, a couple of

years earlier, she had

known about a plot to kill

Lloyd George, but he had escaped by going to France. The investigator, known as Number Five, said she

had four small test tubes of

chemicals delivered so that

he could carry out the plot

there was "ample evidence"

that she and others were

family complained about

her treatment, which

included her being

stripped. She went on hun-

ger strike because she could

not face ten years in prison.

Her son, William, covered according to news reports

Wheeldon died in 1919.

After she was jailed her

behind the plot.

"the desire for medical treat-ment is often expressed but much more rarely sincerely

The report to Butler asserted that, while the idea of converting gay men was at-tractive, "with perhaps a few doing so is doubtful".

Butler was also told that gay men in prison for the first time [it] does not effect a permanent were of superior education and intelligence, while homosexuals found regularly in local prisons were usually

> The Prison Service admitted that it did not like segregating gay prisoners and accepted that some prison officers were strongly repelled by homosexual inmates and made no effort to conceal their feelings. Prison staff categorised types of homosexual - the male prostitute, the corrupter of youth, the obviously effeminate, the obnoxious and the homosexual "who tries to parade a fancied intellectual superiority to the common

The "passive homo" was regarded as a great nuisance while the male prostitute was "no trouble". "It is the temper-amentally female type who is the canker," the paper stated. Some prisons enlisted chaplains to influence behaviour of the gays but the report complained that many were prone to facile religiosity". The papers formed part of

the debate in government about reforms, proposed by John Wolfenden (later Lord Wolfenden) in a Royal Commission report in 1957, to legalise sex between consenting men aged over 21. Howwhen Roy Jenkins was Home Secretary, that the Sexual Offences Act was passed.

Rab Butler was clearly uncomfortable with the proposed reforms. He wrote to Cabinet colleagues in 1957 that the Wolfenden report "seems to avoid the moral issues".

in 1966, as the legislation was being prepared, Harold Wilson, then Prime Minister, was urged by the National Union of Seamen to maintain a ban on gay sex at sea. Bill Hogarth, the union's general secretary, said he feared parents would not allow their sons to go to sea. "The presence of homosexuals can give rise to serious conflicts and

Wilson promised to try to find a way around the law for



Lord Alfred Douglas, who wanted to raise money by selling a manuscript

Minister rejected MPs' plea to help Douglas

THE Home Office refused to belp a destitute and sick Lord Alfred Douglas, the former lover of Oscar Wilde, by releasing his prison manuscript of the poem In Excelsis.

Douglas (1870-1945) had been sentenced to six months' imprisonment in 1921 for a libel against Winston Churchill, suggesting that he had been corrupted by a Jewish financier. He was allowed to continue to write his poetry in prison but, on release, he was refused his notebook.

money by selling the manuscript to an American collector. The Home Office view was that he had partly repeated the libel in the sonnet which begins "The leprous spawn of scattered Israel spread its contagion in your English blood ...

A powerful group of MPs lobbied the Government to make a special case for such an eminent poet. But in 1942, Sir Alexander Maxwell, then Home Secretary, firmly rejected the pleadings for Douglas, then 72, from Harold Nicolson, Alan Lennox-Boyd, Henry "Chips"

Osbert Peake, a junior Home Office Minister, advised Sir Alexander: "If Douglas is now in penury his friends should do something concerned that release of the notebook would revive stories of Wilde and Douglas.

The Home Secretary agreed and made clear that he would also be criticised for favouring "people of emi-nence". The MPs were outraged.

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Doctor says diet obsession gives girls anorexia, and a bit of energy would do them good, writes John O'Leary

AN OBSESSION with heal-thy eating, exercise and vege-tarianism is fuelling the growth of anorexia and bulimla among teenage girls, the director of a specialist clinic told headmistresses yesterday.

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Dee Dawson, medical director of the Rhodes Farm Clinic in North London, which treats children with eating disor-ders, said that chips, chocolate and crisps were all sources of energy which parents and schools should welcome. Left to choose their own food, children would arrive at a the Home of the badge naturally healthy diet.

Dr Dawson said girls at

private schools were more likely to suffer from eating disorders. She told the headmistresses of independent girls' schools that at least 1 to 2 per cent of their pupils were likely to have anorexia nervosa. As many as 5 per cent of sixth formers could be bulimic. Anorexics tended to be obsessive, compulsive perfectionists, who typically had small, neat handwriting and would rip up work until they were satisfied, she said.

In her speech to the Girl's Schools Association in Bristol, Dr Dawson said that a higher percentage of children with eating disorders was found in public schools. This was because perfectionist; highachieving children of highflying equally perfectionist parents were often educated

modern exercise regimes and

general."

Dr Dawson said parents

should set an example by

avoiding constant talk of diet

and exercise. Schools could

spot potential problems early by weighing children regular-ly and alerting parents to any

Dr Dawson said she feared

that the Government would

compound the problem by issuing healthy eating guide-

lines. She claimed that a

leaked policy document from

the Department of Health

considered banning school tuck shops, chips in school

canteens and restricting the

sale of chocolate. She said:

"Until there is evidence to the

contrary, the old adage still holds true: 'A little of what you

fancy does you good."

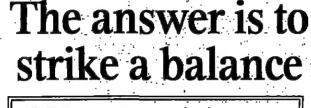
weight loss.

the trend towards vegetarian-ism for many eating disorders. She said that thin models had such an impact that half ried about their weight. Only about 4 per cent of schoolchildren were truly overweight. Girls had to be told that it was natural to gain weight around puberty, and any weight loss should be recognised as a cause for concern.

The promotion of low-fat diets was dangerous to potenanorexic children. "Children do not need to restrict their fat intake - they should drink full-cream milk, they can happily eat butter, there is not one shred of evidence to suggest that what we eat as children has any influence on the later incidence of coronary heart disease. Chocolate, cheese, crisps and chips are wonderful energy-giving foods which child-ren need."

She believed it no coincidence that 80 per cent of her patients were vegetarian. Children should not depend on beans and nuts for their protein. They need to eat meat." Exercise videos were also damaging: "I would like to shoot Rosemary Conley ... no amount of waving your legs in the air will reduce the

"Having said that, anorexia amount of fat on your thighs nervosa is moving rapidly other than its effect in burning



MEDICAL BRIEFING

FEW doctors would agree with Dec Dawson in her contention that dietary fat in childhood has no influence on later health.

The evidence from postmortem examinations on young American servicemen killed in the Korean War showed that, by the early 1950s, the postwar diet, which is unduly reliant upon convenience foods with a high fat. content, had increased the amount of atheroma in the coronary arteries and aorta. This evidence of cardiovascu-

lar disease showed to a greater extent than before. There is an implied suggestion in Dr Dawson's remarks that keeping the calorie intake derived from fat low might encourage the children to take less than 10 per cent of the daily energy-requirement in

fat. Ten per cent is the absolute

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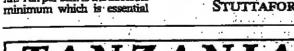
for the absorption of fatsoluble vitamins, healthy cell production and for lubrication to enhance food flavour and to

make it easy to swallow.

Anything which gives overemphasis to the body beautiful, including excessive
exercise, can be destructive. Adults who are obsessed about their children's appearance and performance, both physical and mental, are likely also to be interfering, overintrusive and incapable of allowing their children to develop their independence.

Excessive anxiety about fat is likely to be symptomatic of other, greater, problems in parenthood which will not be eased by encouraging a diet rich in cheese, chips and double cream.

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Dr Dawson speaking yesterday. She said schools should weigh pupils regularly

An outspoken debunker of eating myths

WHEN Dec Dawson gave up her job as a hospital doctor to have her fifth child, three anorexic children into her home. Within months, the demand for treatment was such that she had to ally move her family out. Today, her Rhodes Farm

dinic in North London, has anorexic children from all over Britain and further afield. Dr Dawson is also acting as a consultant to several schools and spreading her message of the damage done by food fads. She gained a degree in

biochemistry in the 1970s and spent three years researching heart disease before working in Madagascar as a volunteer. She took an MBA at the London Business School and three years later started a fashion company specialising

By 1982, she had sold the business to the Burton Group

cine, qualifying in 1989. She practised as a part-time GP when she first began specialising in the treatment of eating disorders, but the made this impractical. In recent years, she has become one of the most outspoken critics of the vogue for exer-cise and supposedly healthy

She told headmistresses yesterday how her six-yearold daughter once brought a note home from her prep school asking parents not to include chocolate biscuits or crisps in lunchboxes because they were "envy-making foods".

early bedtimes because children were tired in the afternoon. She said: "Could it be, I thought, that they were tired because they were eating celery sticks and carrot instead of a Mars bar, which could indeed have helped them work, rest and play?



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Princess Royal wants Britannia to be scuttled

By MICHAEL EVANS DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

AN APPEAL by the Princess Royal for the Royal Yacht Britannia to be scuttled instead of preserved as a tourist attraction could embarrass the Government. Ministers have already concluded that a decision to scrap the yacht would cause public outrage.

The Princess made it clear

that she would prefer Britan-nia to be scrapped because she fears the yacht would not be maintained properly in private hands. Her comments were made while she was attending the last official royal engage ment on Britannia before she is decommissioned on December II. She said: "Do you realise that the brasses are cleaned every day — not every month or every week, but every day? Nobody could do that. I think she should be scuttled." The Princess, who spent her



HMY Britannia

first honeymoon on Britannia, was on the yacht, in Ports-mouth, in her capacity as president of the Royal Naval Museum Trust, which held a reception for 200 supporters and sponsors on Wednesday night. She said she hated to think of *Britannia* being left to deteriorate. The most dignified end for the 43-year-old yacht would be for her to be sunk.

Government sources made it clear yesterday that the option to scrap Britannia had effectively been ruled out. One Cabinet minister said: "Just as Michael Portillo las Defence

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public for announcing that Britannia was to be replaced by a £60 million yacht at taxpayers' expense, so we would be criticised for scrapping the yacht."

There are seven bids in for Britannia, all from organ-isations that propose to pre-serve her as a floating museum and tourist attraction. The Government has to decide whether her final resting place should be the Pool of London. Canary Wharf, Greenwich, the Clyde, Edinburgh or the Manchester Ship Canal, Ministers are studying the bids and are expected to make a decision next week.

Yesterday Leo Madden, leader of Portsmouth City Council, presented John Reid, the Armed Forces Minister, with a petition signed by more than 10,700 people calling for Britannia to be retained in



The Queen starting a life-sized action model at Radley College yesterday

Massage revitalises Queen's handshake

BY ALAN HAMILTON

THE Queen is taking seriously her new image of getting closer to her people, but rarely has contact gone to the length of peeling off her gloves and allowing a hand to be massaged with exotic oils. The experience appeared to give welcome relief from the constant round of flesh-pressing.

During a visit to Berinsfield, a large and isolated village in south community education rentre. There she came across the perfumed and candlelit aromatherapy room. Six pairs of women were stroking each other's hands under the eye of their teacher, Claire Brown. The Queen sniffed a jar of

oil. Mrs Brown asked if she would like a massage. The Queen accepted with little hesitation. Which hand would she prefer? She gazed at her extremities for a right one on a cushion in her lap. "That's the hard one," she declared.

Mrs Brown had prepared a beady oil: rose for its mandarin to uplift body and spirit, and franktired with all that handshaking," Mrs Brown ventured, gently teasing the royal fingers. The Queen readily agreed.

Clearly relaxed, she put her gloves back on and handshaking with renewed vigour. Most of Berins-field's 4,000 population were on the streets to greet the Queen, who had asked to see a less well-off part of the county. The village has more unemployment, crime and single mothers than usual for the relatively affluent Oxfordshire.

She ended the tour taking tea with pensioners in the church hall, where she unhandshake of the day with untired vigour. The mandaclearly done their work. ☐ The Queen's Christmas broadcast will be put on the Buckingham Palace Internet Web site:

www.royal.gov.uk

NEWS IN BRIEF Ugandan **Asians say**

thank you at Abbey

Hundreds of Ugandan Asians who fled to Britain to escape Idi Amin's regime gathered at Westminster Abbey yesterday for a service to commemorate the 25th anniversary of their arrival and to thank Britain for welcoming them. Nearly 30,000 refugees came to Britain when Amin ordered Uganda's entire Asian community to leave the country within 90 days in August 1972.

Photograph. page 26

Lawyer for foetus

A lawyer has been appointed to defend the right to life of the unborn baby of a 13-year-old alleged rape victim in Ireland. James O'Reilly, SC, was appointed by the Attorney-Genpointed by the Attorney-General. The girl wants to terminate the pregnancy.

Head suspended

The married head of one of Britain's largest special needs schools, the Percy Hedley School, in North Tyneside, has been suspended after an alleged affair with his deputy. Mike Vening and the deputy had already resigned.

CSA blunder

The Child Support Agency mistakenly sent a mainte-nance demand for £20,000 to a married man with three children. David Allen, 33, of Mostori, Manchester, was told he owed money for two children with another woman.

Winston at work

A portrait of Sir Winston Churchill working on papers during the Second World War, and wearing the blue "siren suit" he designed for air raids, fetched £111,500 at Christie's in London. One of Churchill's landscapes made £150,000.

Hard lines

Two boys, aged 10 and 12, were ordered by a policeman to do 1,000 lines saying 'I shall not steal again. I am very sorry" after stealing a camera, chocolates and a purse from Jeanette Hannington, 31, of Colchester, Essex.

Case dropped

A case against PC Alan Bone 43, a driving instructor with Surrey Police accused of driving at 124mph, was dropped after the prosecutor recognised him and arresting officers did not turn up for the trial by Aldershot magistrates.

Highlanders aim | Safety move after to buy estate

By SHIRLEY ENGLISH

THE 60 residents of Knoydart, a remote peninsula on the West Coast of Scotland. yesterday began a bid to buy the estate from its absentee private laird, announcing an appeal for £1 million.

The Knoydart Foundation, whose members include Highland Council and the local community, is taking up the torch lit in 1948 by seven returning servicemen. Angry at finding the homeland they had fought for neglected by the then owner, the 2nd Lord Brocket, who was a Nazi sympathiser, the men each staked claims to 65-acre crofts. Despite public support they were eventually defeated. Yesterday, in Australia, a



olea for donations was made to expatriate Scots by Sir Cameron Mackintosh, the producer, who owns a neighbouring estate. He pledged £100,000 to the appeal, as did the John Muir Trust and the Chris Brasher Trust. The Scottish Office wished the bid success.

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT HELICOPTER pilots will The report said Mr Goss was

Harding crash

have to observe stricter regulations when flying in poor conditions as a result of the crash in which Matthew Harding, the vice-chairman of Chelsea Football Club, and

four other people died. The crash was caused by pilot error, according to an Air Accident Investigation Branch report published yesterday. It concluded that Michael Goss, the pilot, had neither the qualifications nor the experience to control his aircraft

after it got into difficulties.
The French Aerospatiale AS
355Fl Squirrel crashed in poor weather conditions on the way back from a Chelsea match at Bolton on October 22 last year.

not qualified to fly on instruments, became disorientated and overworked, and could not save the aircraft after it went into a steep nose-up position and then spiralled to the ground.

The Civil Aviation Authority has written to helicopter. operators advising them that they should not fly below 1,000ft above the highest ob-stacle within 10 miles each side of the intended route. It .. also says stricter weather criteria should apply for night flying, so that pilots flying by visual means should operate only when forecasts indicate that low cloud will not affect

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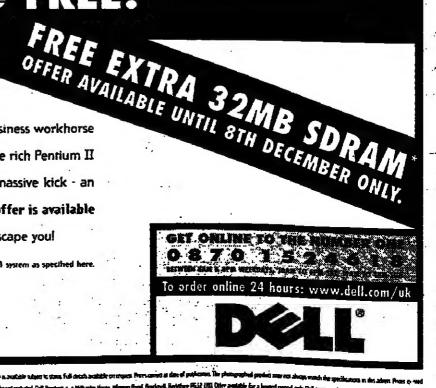


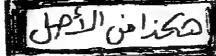


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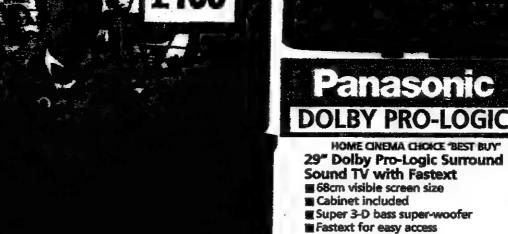
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Welsh assembly may spend years in makeshift home

THE new Welsh assembly may have to find a temporary home after the collapse of negotiations over the use of Cardiff City Hall, the Welsh Secretary said yesterday.

Ron Davies suggested that members and staff could find themselves without a permanent home for three or four years after the assembly is set up in May 1999.

The Government offered Cardiff City Council a maximum of £3.5 million to lease City Hall, which was the Welsh Secretary's first choice of location for the assembly. The council's ruling Labour group rejected the offer unanimously, despite the Government's protests that it would have to spend a further £30 million on renovating and refurbishing the building.

Although Mr Davies regretted that the City Hall would not house the Welsh assembly, he said: "It was the preferred option, but not the only

The alternatives will be set out in a consultation document to be published in the next ten days. In the short term, they include the old Mid Glamorgan county council hall in Cardiff and the Coal Exchange in Cardiff Bay. which was identified as a possible assembly headquarPolly Newton on

the failure to secure a deal

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ters in the run-up to the 1979 referendum on Welsh devolution. Both would have to be modified to accommodate the assembly while a long-term home was found - perhaps a new building in Cardiff.

Mr Davies said that he still lavoured Cardiff because it was the Welsh capital, but there were other possibilities. Wherever the assembly is sited, it could be connected by video links with "satellite" offices in other cities and

The Government of Wales Bill. which was published yesterday, sets aside £17 million for the establishment of the assembly. Mr Davies said he was confident that it would

be enough He said that the Bill was a milestone for Wales. "In only 18 months, and for the first time ever, there will be an all-Wales elected government.

Decisions affecting Wales had for too long been taken behind closed doors. The new national assembly will be modern, open and accountable." He said that neither Westminster nor local govern-ment would provide the model. The assembly would make a fresh start based on the best practices from around the

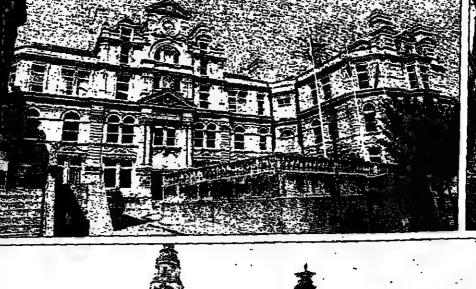
The leader of the assembly will be called the First Secretary. He or she will form an executive committee, or Cabinet, whose members - the leaders of various committees will be known as Secretaries. Their salaries will be set by the Senior Salaries Review Body, which recommends pay

rises for MPs and ministers at

Mr Davies predicted that the assembly would sit for two or three days a week, and said that he expected all members to be paid for doing full-time jobs. Details of its daily operations, however, are be determined by a commission subject to the agreement of

national assembly members.

Over the next 18 months, the Government will try to persuade doubters that the assembly will benefit Wales. In the referendum in September. devolution was backed by a majority of just 6,721, or 0.6





The Coal Exchange, top left, and the Mid Glamorgan county hall are alternatives to the first choice City Hall, below

junior Welsh Office Minister. will co-ordinate a campaign to win over those who voted

He said yesterday: "I predict that in ten years' time, you will not be able to identify anybody who would admit to voting

because it will become such a hugely popular assembly."

The Government for Wales

Bill is expected to have its second reading in the Commons in the week beginning December 8. Mr Davies risked the wrath of the Opposition by saying that it was unlikely to be debated in full

on the floor of the House, despite the convention that all MPs are given the chance to scrutinise in detail any legislation with constitutional implications.

Mr Davies said it was "very important" that the key debates were taken on the floor of the House, but said that

varive Party. "If they are prepared to be co-operative with us I will ensure that the key issues are taken on the floor of the House," he said but added: "There is a very strong case for much of the detail of the Bill to be taken in-

Charges for river pollution planned

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BY NICK NUTTALL

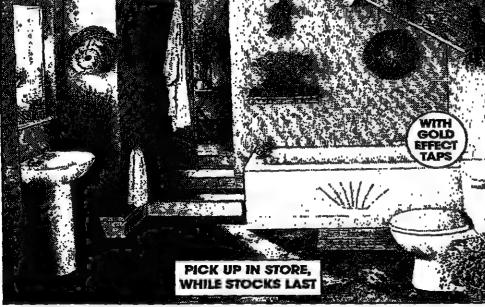
COMPANIES discharging poisonous wastes face higher charges under government-backed proposals announced yesterday to improve river

Michael Meacher, the Environment Minister. said the health of the nation's rivers had improved markedly between 1990 and 1996. But there were still stretches in England and Wales where pollution made the water unsuitable for recreation or providing drinking

supplies. Under the proposals factories that discharge into rivers will pay a sliding scale of charges intended to reflect the environmental impact of the wastes. The more toxic and hazardous the discharges, the higher the

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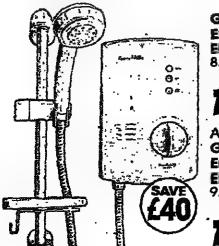
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Sleaze claims fail to harm Labour

BY PETER RIDDRILL

THE Blair Government's 'squeaky-clean" image has been unaffected by the row over the Bernie Ecclestone affair. The latest MORI poll for The Times shows that more than half the public believes that it has upheld high standards in public life since the election.

The poll, undertaken last weekend, included a number of questions about the public's attitude towards the Government. Hopes are still high: and, despite allegations about Labour "sleaze", the public thinks that the Government has upheld high standards in public life by almost a two-to-

one margin. Moreover, 58 per cent think that the Labour Government is doing about the same as they expected, while 20 per cent believe it is doing better than expected and 16 per cent worse. The middle classes are slightly more positive than the

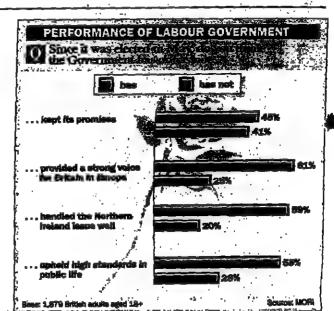
There is a broadly even split over whether the Government has kept its promises, 45 per cent believing it has and 41 per cent has not.

Revealingly, the highest proportion, 24 per cent, saying that the Government has done better than expected come from Scotland, and the lowest, at 15 per cent, from Wales. Similarly, a much higher proportion in Scotland than Wales (55 to 48 per cent) believe that the Government has kept its promises. This undoubtedly reflects the contrasting attitudes on

Three quarters say their standard of living has stayed about the same since May, has improved and 17 per cent got worse. Complaints about a decline in living standards are well above average, at 23 per cent, among those buying their homes on morngages who have faced a series of interest rate increases since May. This is also reflected in the 22 per cent of 35 to 54-yearolds reporting worse living standards. By contrast, the figure is just 11 per cent among those who own their homes outright. Those aged between 35 and 54 and and those buying homes on a mortgage are also less inclined to think that the Government has kept

its promises. Nonetheless, 56 per cent agree that, in the long term. this Government's policies will improve the state of Britain's economy, with 27 per cent disagreeing. This is roughly the same balance as after Gordon Brown's first Budget in July.
The MORI economic opti-

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mism index, measuring the proportion believing that the general economic condition of the country will improve rather than get worse over the next 12 months, is still positive, at plus six points, roughly the same as at the end of October:

The unemployed are, not surprisingly, more likely than others to say their standard of living has got worse and that the Government has not kept its promises since the election. However, they remain opti-mistic about the future since

an above average two thirds of them believe that, in the long term, this Government's poli cies will improve the state q

Britain's economy. Three fifths of the public. including two fifths of Tory supporters, believe the Goveroment has provided a strong voice in Europe, with just 25 per cent disagreeing. MORI interviewed a representative quota sample of 1,879 adults at 170 sampling points across Britain from November 21 to 24.

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Montserrat role 'must be taken off Short'

By Nicholas Watt, political correspondent

CLARE SHORT should be stripped of her responsibility for the island of Montserrat after the Government's "clumsy" response to the volcano crisis, a Commons report concluded yesterday.

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The report, by the International Development Committee, said that the Foreign Office should clear up the "mismanagement and confusion" in the running of the island, a dependent territory, by taking control of its multimillion-pound budget.

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One source on the committee said: "This report will set the dovecotes of Whitehall fluttering. They're going to resist this like hell. But there's nothing like an emergency to concentrate minds."

Ms Short, the International Development Secretary, infu-riated the island's leaders at



Short: infuriated.

the height of the volcano crisis in August when she said that their financial demands were so unreasonable "they will be wanting golden elephants next". The report criticised Ms Short for her remarks but said it welcomed her retraction when she appeared before the committee last month.

The cross-party committee did not blame Ms Short for the failures and mistakes" in the Government's response to the volcano, which erupted in it said that there were "too many decision-makers" in the process, including Ms Short's department, which is respon-sible for the distribution of aid, the Foreign Office, which has overall responsibility for the island, and the Government and Governor of Montserrat. chairman of the committee, a clear way forward."

said: "The committee was very shaken by the conditions in which the people of Montser-rat were forced to live. We found that there are a whole variety of authorities responsible for this condition. The responsibility in British terms lies with the Foreign Office. But the International Development Department cannot escape the blame for some of the chaotic decision-making processes on Montserrat, nor can the elected Government of Montserrat or the Governor. In fact the managerial rela-tionships in Whitehall were

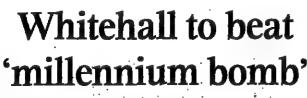
very clumsy indeed." Although the committee stopped short of blaming Ms Short, it concluded that her department should no longer have any role in Montserrat. Mr. Wells said that aid should come from the Treasury's contingency reserve fund, while the Foreign Office should take charge of the island. He insisted that the report's recommendations was not a reflection on the work of Ms Short's department, but simply a recognition that there should be "clearly

delineated responsibilities". He added: "This is a radical report, one born of the tragedy that the volcano is visiting on Montserrat, It illustrates the total inadequucy of the present British arrangements for the administration of the dependent territories."

Mr Wells made clear that Ms Short was not the only minister who should be criticised. He attacked Baroness Symons of Vernham Dean, the Foreign Office Minister, for failing to keep her promise to the committee to sort out the problems Montserratians experienced at immigration controls on arrival in Britain.

His criticisms, which were also directed at the previous Government, were shared by Labour members of the committee. Ann. Clwyd, MP for Cynon Valley, said: "It makes citizens of a British Dependent Territory who should be given the best treatment."

Ms Short welcomed the report, saying: "Clearly, things needed to improve. The system we inherited from the Overseas Development Administration has now been Bowen Wells, the Tory streamlined. The report points



By James Landale, Political Reporter

millennium timebomb" that threatens to cause computer chaos at the turn of the century, it was announced

yesterday.
David Clark, the Public
Services Minister, said that Whitehall departments and agencies were on course with a scheme to make all their computer equipment "millennium compliant". But it does not cover hospitals, health trusts, local authorities or operational military equipment, for which there are separate arrangements.

Most computers store year dates in a two-digit number. Unless they are adapted, many computers will reach 2000, believe that time has travelled back a century to

GOVERNMENT depart. 1900, and shut down in confu-ments are likely to beat the sion. The danger extends beyoud the kind of computer used in offices. Any equipchips will be affected, such as timelock safes, automated hospital drips, refrigerators

> Mr Clark told MPs in a statement that £370 million was being spent on the Whitehalf scheme. Each depart-ment would have to present Parliament with quarterly progress reports, and random tests would be carried out on computers thought to be com-pliant. "The timetable is tight and there is little margin for error," he said.

and telephone systems.

He estimated that £1 billion would have to be spent to make the whole public sector





On-the-record move is in the right direction

ON POLITICS

from the Red Lion. These

informal, unattributable con-

tacts are inherent in journal-

ists' relations with politicians. But the change, while having a

limited practical impact, is a

Secondly, the proposals to streamline the Government

Information Service are large-

ly justified. During the sum-

mer, misunderstandings, and worse, developed between new

ministers and their advisers

and the GIS, leading to a wave

of early retirements and, in

some cases, forced departures

of heads of information. Faults

existed on both sides; ministers

were right to feel that the GIS

needed a shake-up but some

were criticising press officers

for failing to perform essentially political roles. A new concor-

dat between the two was

needed, as well as an updating

of information practices. Yes-

terday's proposals are intend-ed to bring Whitehall press

officers in the world of 24-hour

media and instant response

with a new media monitoring

unit following the successful

Labour operation. It is also

sensible to develop closer rela-

tions between policy civil ser-

vants and press offices. Guide

gain for honesty and clarity.

THE Blairisation of Whitehall took a further important step forward yesterday. The prosai-cally entitled Report of the Working Group on the Government Information Service is as revealing a document about how the Blair administration works as has so far appeared — confirming the key roles of Peter Mandelson and Alastair Campbell. Stu-dents of the "hidden wiring" will learn of the daily meetings chaired by the former bringing

together "key players".

It is easy to get over-excited about charges of politicisation and the role of Labour spindoctors. The true story is less melodramatic and more com-plicated. Yesterday's report from a mixed Civil Servicepolitical group clears the air and is largely welcome.

First, the proposal to con-duct the twice-daily briefings by the Prime Minister's Chief Press Secretary on the assumption that they are on-the-record is sensible and long overdue. There has been a gradual shift to greater openness and more direct attribution over the past decade as part of a greater transparency in government and a more open style among a new generation of political

As Mr Mandelson argued in his speech to the Parliamentary Press Gallery on Wednesday, it will be clearer who is speaking on behalf of whom. Of course, there will not be an end to anonymous sources, but

it is appropriate for press officers to do, but I am still not sure that all ministers fully realise the distinction between at least authorised ones will clearly be so." The usual suspects will still be chatting ment and of the Labour Party. The job of civil servants is to away, if no longer perhaps make the Government success-

ful, not to re-elect Labour. Thirdly, the most striking feature of the report is the proposed closer co-ordination of information at the centre for a new electronic information system and Strategic Communications Unit combining civil servants and special advisers to co-ordinate, rather than to "spin". Its job will be to implement, not to make policy. This unit would be six strong but that is quite an addition to a current total of about 30 civil servants and advisers in No 10.

The official emphasis is on co-ordination, but the consistent theme is centralisation, a desire to strengthen the ability of the Prime Minister's Office, not just to present a coherent message but also to influence the development of policy throughout Whitehall. Much of this is desirable. Political scientists have for long debated the "hole" at the centre of British government. But yesterday's changes will need watching as part of a more general attempt to strengthen the levers of power in

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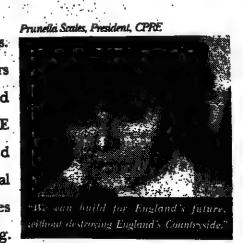
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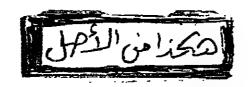


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Likud politician calls for Palestinian state

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

A LEADING member of Binyamin Netanyahu's ruling Likud party yesterday backed the creation of a limited Palestinian state in a new challenge to the policy of the embattled right-wing Israeli Prime

The move, by Meir Sheerit, Likud's chief whip, came as Mr Netanyahu faced criticism from all sides over his handling of the faltering peace process and was threatened with a right-wing Knesset revolt to topple his coalition.

Yesterday, crude posters de picting him in an Arab keffiyeh headdress under the slogan "The Liar" were distributed in Jerusalem by extreme right-wing Jews furious that he plans to hand back more West Bank land to Palestinians.

Underlining the severity of his dilemma, the Yediot Aharonot daily reported him as saying: "The Americans are treating me like Saddam Hussein," because of repeated snubs by President Clinton.

who blames him for being too uncompromising with the

Mr Sheetrit, in remarks that led to calls for his resignation, said: "I think that it is possible to achieve peace with the Palestinians. I am not afraid of them and I am not afraid of Palestinian state. The most important thing is to initiate

announced that in May 1999, at the end of the period laid down for negotiations under the Oslo peace accord, he will unilaterally declare a state and call for world recognition.
"If we initiate an arrangement, a final arrangement, we

came only days after Yassir

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the establishment of a Palestinian state while we are in

He added: "If we are the ones to initiate a Palestinian state, we can do it under the best possible conditions for Israel. If we do nothing, at the end of the process, a Palestinian state will be created under the worst possible conditions."

said Mr Sheetrit, 39, who argued that a left-wing government would cede more land. Under his proposal, Jerusalem would under Israeli sovereignty, the Jordan River would remain Israel's border and Israel would annex most of the 144 lewish senlements.

ominously reminiscent of the right-wing hate campaign that preceded the assassination of Yirzhak Rabin, the Labour Prime Minister, in November 1996. Mr Rabin was shot by a right-wing Jew who claimed religious justification for murdering him to prevent the West Bank being handed to the Palestinians under terms the 1993 peace deal signed

Yesterday's posters were iened in the name of a farright movement known in ebrew as Hazit Haraayon, the "Idea Front". Last night Israel radio reported that police had arrested Noam Federman, a prominent rightwing Jewish activist, and an unnamed minor on suspicion of putting up the posters

Questioned in a CNN tele-vision interview about Mr Clinton's apparent refusal to meet him, Mr Netanyahu said: "It is unbecoming, it does not belit nations who are allies, and even does not befit



Russian captain accused of treason

FROM RICHARD BEESTON

THE Russian counter-intelligence service said yesterday that a naval captain who revealed how nuclear waste was dumped at sea by the Russian Navy had been

charged with treason. General Viktor Kondratov the head of the Federal Security Service in Vladivostok, that Captain Grigori Pasko would be tried for one of Russia's most serious offences which carries a sentence of life ficer was arrested on Sunday after returning from a trip to Japan. Before he left Vladivostok, customs officials confiscated documents in his possession about Russia's Pacific

Although the authorities insist the matter is a straightforward case of espionage, Oleg Kotlyarov, the captain's lawyer, said his client had been warned repeatedly to drop his private investigations into environmental issues. He wrote articles condemning dumping

Swiss prepared to defend war policy at Nazi gold debate

pared a robust defence of its wartime record to forestall dealings with Nazi Germany at next week's conference in London on Nazi gold.

Thomas Borer, a diplomat heading the task force on Swiss banking and financial affairs during the war, will tell delegates from the 42 countries attending the Lancaster House meeting that Switzerland had to buy gold from Germany because in 1941 the allies had frozen the bulk of the Swiss National Bank's reserves deposited in America for security before

He argues that only gold obtained from Germany reely tradeable, and was needed for vital transactions. All imports from Romania, Hungary, Portual and Turkey had to be paid for in gold.

Mr Borer refutes the courmon view that the Swiss National Bank traded mainly with Germany. It bought SwFrl.2 billion of German gold, but far more from the allies, and during the war dealt with the central banks of ló countries.

His delegation will be one of about 30 countries presenting historical papers at the two-day conference. British officials have given a warning that if delegates start trading accusations, the attempt to unearth new archives could

ca, which still hold 5.5 tonnes of gold not yet distributed by the Tripartite Gold Commisslow, want the ten claimant countries to endorse their proposal to turn it over to a fund for victims of the Nazis.

In Switzerland, relatives of Holocaust survivors have alleged that Britain applied laws on confiscated enemy property in a selective manner. They say that the assets of Eastern European nobility were returned while claims from survivors were rejected.

The families of Peter Csango, John Leopoid and Renven Tal have tried for decades to recover money that was left with banks in London by their Hungarian and Romanian Jewish relatives before the war.

Mr Leopold said that, in Public Record Office show that Britain found ways to return the assets of some of Eastern Europe's richest and influential families, for example former King Carol II of

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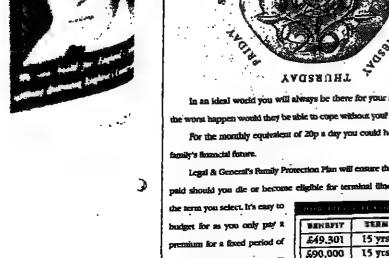
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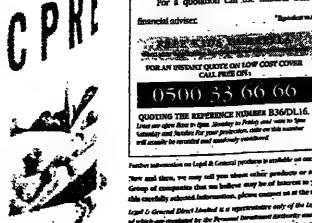


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Czechs lectured by Cook on gypsy 'asylum'

ROBIN COOK, the Foreign Prague yesterday to hammer home warnings to Central Europe's gypsies to desist from seeking asylum in Britain and to the Czech Government to improve the lot of its 300,000 Romany population.

and almost identically worded statements on the autumn's rush of gypsies to Dover after meetings with President Haand Foreign Minister. "It is very important that Britain gets across the message that it is not a soft touch for anyone claiming asylum falsely." he said. "I give a very clear message to those who are contemplating travelling to Britain that Britain does not have an open door policy to those who may allege persecution and cannot then prove it."

Czech society needed to admany of its people saw no future for themselves within the Czech Lands". he added. Mr Cook acknowledged that "the flood appears to have dried up". Only six new arriv-als had been reported this

open criticism jarred with the message of goodwill that he brought to Prague from a Britain that, he said, "is firmly committed to throwing open the doors of the European Union to the new democracies in the East". Once inside the EU, the Czech people will be able to move freely throughout

Prague has announced a string of measures to give full citizenship and more secure lives to gypsies, and it has offered to pay about £18,000 to



James Earl Ray, who could die within six months of liver failure, confessed to killing Martin Luther King in 1968, but then changed his story

James Earl Ray must pay \$250,000 to stay alive

JAMES EARL RAY, the man convicted of killing Martin Luther King Jr. the black civil rights leader, needs at least \$250.000 (£147,000) to pay for a life-saving liver transplant.

Doctors say that Ray, 69, who suffers from cirrhosis of hepatitis C infection he contracted in prison, could die within six months if he does not receive the transplant. So far, he has been unable to raise any money

The \$250,000 would secure a place on a waiting list for transplants at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Centre. He is serving a 99-year sentence at a jail in Nashville, Tennessee, but the state's medical insurance scheme makes no provision for transplants. No exception is made even for

Martin Luther King's killer is pleading for a liver transplant, reports Tunku Varadarajan

he is not insured for the operation he needs, the hospital has demanded that Ray post the sum as a bond:

er him for an operation. In a statement issued on Wednesday, the hospital said: "Mr Ray cannot be placed on the national waiting list until certain financial obligations are met. Since the Tennessee Department of Corrections will not pay for Mr Ray's transplant, he will be required to pay a deposit before he can be listed for transplantation,

without that, it will not consid-

as do other patients with no insurance cover or medical

The hospital statement went on to say that Ray could not expect to be treated differently merely because he was a prisoner in poor health: "It is the philosophy of the hospital that all patients be treated equally and fairly, and that their candidacy for transplantation be judged on medical

The hospital did not address the point, raised by Ray's lawyers, that the patient - an imprisoned man - did not

have the same opportunities to raise insurance money as might a transplant candidate at liberty. In America, medical insurance is usually tied to an employment contract: Ray, as a prison inmate, could not

cure such a contract. The money required as deposit is not the only obstacle in the path of Ray's transplant In order to travel to Pitts-burgh, he must first secure a "medical furlough" from the prison authorities in Nashville. He has already been rejected once this year when he sought permission to go to Pittsburgh for medical tests.

Ray's latest application for leave of absence must be approved by a daunting number of officials, including the Memphis district attorney, the prison doctors and, finally, the state prisons commissioner. Pam Hoggins, a spokeswoman for the Department of Corrections, said that medical furloughs were rarely approved. "A candidate has to be near death," she said:

The Rev James Lawson, Methodist minister who was with King at the time of his assassination, is now attempt ing to raise money for Ray's transplant. Yesterday, he re-vealed that he had raised scarcely a cent. The King family, which has not contributed money, nonetheless supports Ray's "right" to an

Ray, who confessed to murdering King in Memphis in 1968, recanted just two weeks after his conviction. Ever since, he has fought doggedly for a new trial. Recently, he secured the support of King's

WORLD IN BRIEF

Egypt issues list of 'terrorists abroad'

Caire: Egypt has listed 14 people, including two living in London, whom it accuses of masterminding violent acts from almost the control of t from abroad. In a booklet, Call to Combat Terrorism, the Government of President Mubarak says that the alleged militants are "currently enjoying secure and convenient asylum in some world capitals", and urges the international

community to deny them safe haven.

The two said to be in London are Yassir Tawfiq Ali el-Serri. 35, under sentence of death in Egypt for the attempted assassination of Atef Sedki, the former Prime Minister, and Adel Abdel-Meguid Abdel-Bari, 37, who is also sentenced to death for trying to blow up a Cairo bazaar. (Reuters)

Leakey party to fight poll

Nairobi: Safina, the Kenyan opposition party founded by Richard Leakey, the conservationist and palaeontologist, announced that it will contest the general election next month (David Orr writes). However, Dr Leakey will not stand in either the presidential or the parliamentary poll. Paul Muite, a Safina leader, said: "We will participate but we will do so under protest because we believe the election cannot be free and fair." Safina says the minimum conditions for free elections are comprehensive constitutional reforms and an independent electoral commission. independent electoral commission.

Bushfires hit Australia

Sydney: More than 200 bushfires were burning on Australia's eastern seaboard and emergency services feared more would flare as lightning storms lit drought-hit scrubland. Firefighters used helicopters to drop water on one big fire in the Blue Mountains, 30 miles west of Sydney, as temperatures in some areas of New South Wales and Victoria states reached 40C (104F). Emergency powers were invoked in five mostly rural areas. (Reuters)

Japanese broker's suicide

Osaka: An employee of a company linked to Yamaichi Securities, the failed Japanese broker, killed himself by jumping from a building in Osaka's financial district. Police said Sciichi Tanigashira, 40, a deputy section chief at Taiheiyo Securities, jumped from the roof of a seven-floor building near Taiheiyo's office. No suicide note has been found. Yamaichi owns 40 per cent of Taiheiyo. (Reuters)

Mexico seizes immigrants

Mexico City: Police in the central Mexican state of Puebla found 75 illegal immigrants, mostly from Central America, who had been hidden inside an empty petrol tanker heading for the US border for four days without food or water. Most of the migrants, who included Chinese nationals, were treated for severe dehydration. (Reuters)

Seducer' on trial in Iran

Tehran: A foreigner in Iran is to stand trial for allegedly seducing around 40 young women, a newspaper reported. The suspect, whose identity and nationality were not disclosed, presented himself as a diplomat and "collaborated" with staff at an unnamed Western embassy, it said. (AFP)

Academics pick over white trash

IN NEW YORK

A NEW discipline, White Studies, is being introduced at American universities, taking its place alongside such areas as Black Studies, Women's Studies and

Gay Theory.

The new field, establishing Itself in departments of anthropology, sociology and history, focuses on such esoteric areas as the history of "blackface", the 'deconstruction of white trash" and the psychology of white militias.

In an intriguing essay devoted to the phenomenon, to be published on Sunday in The New York Times Magazine, Margaret Taibot suggests that the aim of the course is to give whites "the same kind of critical ... scrutiny that self-defined on themselves.

The new discipline is gaining ground in such institutions as Macalester College in St Paul, Duke University, Northwestern University in Chicago, and even at Berkeley. In the past year, "whiteness" scholars have published such texts as Critical White Studies, a textbook: Displacing Whiteness, a psychoanalytical study of white identity; How the Irish Became White, examining the labour competition between Irish immigrants and freed black slaves; and Making Whiteness, a study of how whites in the South "remade" the idea of racial

superiority after the Civil War. The tenor of this scholarship, and of White Studies in general, is far from triumphalist or racist. On the contrary, it is being sold by its practitioners as an audacious attempt to resolve America's racial conflicts. According to Ms Taibot, "the whole enterprise gives whites a kind of standing in the multicultural paramy mediates

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digm they have never before enjoyed". The aim of many of the proponents of White Sudies is to dislodge the wellestablished view in America that whites are "the norm", and that they transcend the identity debate which rages in America. According to Annalee Newitz, a Berkeley scholar who co-edited White Trush (an anthology of studies of "po" white folk"). "whites are said to consider themselves a neutral universal category. hence non-racial and superior to 'racialised' others ... their self-image as whites is thus both underdeveloped and yet extremely presumptuous".

Mugabe's seizure of farms gets under way

From Jan Raath IN HARARE

THE Zimbabwean Government is today due to take the first steps towards mass expropriation of more than 12 million hectares of white-owned farmland as the controversy takes on increasingly

A proclamation is due to be issued, naming up to 1,800 farms for "compulsory acquisition" for redistribution among blacks, a process which President Mugabe has said must be completed by the end of the year.

He has also ordered the government printer to ensure that the list of farms is issued on time, to enable him to present it as a fait accompli at the annual conference of his Zanu (PF) party next week.

A meeting on Wednesday between Mr Mugabe and Nick Swanepoel, president of the Commercial Farmers Union (CFU), most of whose 4.500 members are whites, failed to achieve any concessions. Mr Mugabe wants to return to blacks the land "stolen" by successive British and Rhodesian administrations after the settlement of the country a century ago.

The CFU has been given a list of the farms, but the 4,500 members have been warned not to make it public until it has been formally gazetted. D Veterans' tax: The Government presented plans to parliament in Harare for a new tax to pay back impoverished veterans of the independence war. The Bill is expected to be

rushed through. (AFP)

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India mobilises for all-out war against polio

forces, two million health workers and millions of youth volunteers in a spectacular push against poliomyelitis. It will be the single biggest immunisation programme in

history, reaching at least 125 million children.

The decline in polio in the sub-continent over the past few years has been stunning: in Sri Lanka, it may already have been beaten. Pakistan and India should be largely clear of the virus in three years, when it is hoped that polio will have been all but wiped out worldwide. It will thereafter join smallpox as a defeated disease.

A country without a single polio case for three years is entitled to be declared free of the disease, and India hopes to be certificated as polio-free by the World Health Organisation (WHO) by 2005. On one day next month, and again in January for the requisite second dose, volunteers will administer vaccines to at least 97 per cent of children under the

The logistics are staggering. Vaccines will be delivered to 650,000 booths, located so that most people will be within. walking distance of one. The army and paramilitary forces will provide transport. Two million health workers have been hired by the Government

Rotary International, a sig-

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Thomas reports on the biggest immunisation

plan in history nificant force behind the worldwide campaign against polio, has donated £3.25 million for vaccines and publicity.

material for the drive. -Before the campaign started two years ago — later than most other parts of the world india had 60 per cent of the globe's polio cases. The figure is now half that.

This will be the third and biggest operation of its kind in the past two years, proving to sceptics that Indian anarchy can give way to efficiency. Britain, Japan, Denmark and the United Nations are contributing £35 million. The operation will be repeated next year and, if necessary, for up to two more years after that to ensure eradication.

Many new-born children missed the last two immunisation drives because mothers were unable to get them to booths. This time there will be more mobile booths, as well as house to house visits to areas

where polio has been reported.

The West is free of polio and

it has been virtually eradicated in China, Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia. Africa remains a problem area. In India, it is down 78 per cent from two years ago.

The mass immunisation

will involve the distribution of 380 million doses of oral vaccine, all of which must be kept cool. Teachers and schoolchildren, and millions of members of the Nehru Youth Organisation, which is one of the world's biggest grassroots bodies, will join Scouts. Guides and cadets in spreading the word.

Around the world it is

people live with polio paralysis. The number of reported cases so far this year in India is around 700, although many cases go unreported.

Afghan blight: Despite a vaccination programme, polio

estimated that 10-20 million

cripples more Afghans than landmines, according Belgian researchers. (Reuters)



A face begins to emerge from fragments of the damaged Assisi frescoes

Stricken basilica in Assisi to reopen

NINE weeks after the earthquake that destroyed irreplaceable works of art in Assisi, part of the great Basilica of St Francis is to reopen

Father Nicola Giandomenico, the bursar and the friars' spokesman, said the badly damaged Upper Church would stay closed for re-pairs, but the Lower Church would open its doors to the public. He also announced that state television would broadcast a Christmas Eve concert from Assisi, conducted by Claudio Abbado, as an "act of faith in the basilica's future", followed by Midnight Mass celebrated by the

Pope in St Peter's, Rome.
The reopening comes amid an increasingly heated debate over the fate of badly damaged medieval and Renaissance frescoes. Antonio Paolucci, the former Culture Minister in overall charge of the restora-tion, caused a furore by suggesting that the frescoes should be recreated or reconstructed by restorers using modern materials to "fill in the gaps" between recovered fragments.
Signor Paolucci said the frescoes

by Cimabue, Giotto and other 13thcentury masters in the Lower Church were "relatively intact, though dusty", and the building had been reinforced to make it structurally sound and safe for visitors. In

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holes still gape in the great voulted ceiling where the majestic figures of Cimabue's The Acts of the Apostles and Giotto's The Doctors of the Church once gazed down at visitors. Eighty square yards of damaged frescoes have been swept up, forming what *La Repubblica* called "the biggest jigsaw puzzle in history".

Some faces are beginning to emerge from the rubble at the hands of Paola Passalacqua, the chief technical restorer, starting with St Rufino, the 3rd-century bishop of Assisi. He is one of 16 figures including St Francis and St Clare that before the collapse decorated the soaring painted arch which adjoined and supported the Doctors of the Church frescoes. Like the Doctors, the figures on the arch are

attributed to the young Giotto. However, veteran experts such as Leonetto Tintori, who restored frescoes damaged by Allied bombs in World War, argue passionately that it is a tragic mistake to paint in missing sections since "respect for the work of the original artist" must

be the guiding principle.
Signor Paolucci insists that the frescoes at Assisi were designed as "a harmonious artistic whole", and to leave "lots of white gaps" would offend the eye. They would stick

Army mediates in Pakistan crisis

From Zahid Hussein in Islamabad

THE Pakistani Army, which has ruled the country for half its existence, now finds itself in a difficult tole of mediator in a confrontation between the President, the Prime Minister... and the Chief Justice. With the country drifting

towards anarchy, the reluctant generals may be forced to act in an effort to salvage the country's faltering democracy. the Chief of Staff, who cut short an official visit to Britain

last week, met the warring political leaders but failed to break the stalemate that has paralysed the country for the past eight weeks. The situation took an ugly

turn yesterday when members of the ruling Pakistan Muslim League heckled Sajjad Eli Shah, the Chief Justice, during a court hearing, demanding that he step down. Hundreds of others demonstrated their

porting the Chief Justice. There is also a move to revive the Council of Defence and National Security to enshrine

who arrived at the court under military escort. Mr Chief Justice Shah is locked in a constitutional battle with Nawaz Sharif, the Prime Minister. The conflict

the army's political role.

opposition to the Chief Justice flared last month over the appointment of Supreme Court judges. The stand-off intensified when the Chief tempt of court. The Chief Justice has also struck out several laws passed by parliament The confrontation between the executive and the indiciary has also involved President Leghari and the army. Mr Sharif has threatened to impeach the President for sup-

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Police arrest tenth of the force

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MORE than 10,000 South African police — almost a tenth of the force — were arrested in the 15 months from January 1996 to May 1997 for alleged crimes ranging from armed robbery and theft to rape and corruption.

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In the most recent incident, Inspector Thembinkosi Ntando, 31, was apprehended for robbing a post office. Charges included rob-bery, illegal possession of a firearm and car their. He fled before trial and is still at large.

South African police services". The problem had been exacerbated by the amalgamation of apartheid's 11 policing agencies — and 11 different disciplinary codes - under one democratic policing

umbrella, in 1995. However, he maintained that the problem was being addressed, and that "one uniform single code of

ANC witnesses quail in face of Mrs Mandela

LEADING members of the African National Congress feared Winnie Madikizela-Mandela and her bodyguards and failed to end her reign of terror in Soweto, Archbishop Desmond Tutu's Truth and Reconciliation Commission heard

Senior ANC officials who testified yesterday said they had strug-gled for weeks to secure the release of four township youths allegedly Mandela and her "Mandela United Football Club" bodyguard in 1988 and 1989. However, none was willing to say she held them against

They also declined to explain why they did not ask to see the youths, whom Soweto residents and Bishop Peter Storey, then head of the Methodist Church in Johannes-burg, believed were being tortured.

The ANC veterans were members of a group known as the Mandela Crisis Committee, set up to try to restrain the football club. They told the commission that they had tried cautiously to investigate reports that Stompie Moeketsi Seipei, a teenage activist, had been assaulted and possibly killed at Mrs Mandela's home. They visited her to plead for the release of Stompie and other activists.

The ANC leaders testified that they were frustrated by her behaviour, and produced documents sent to Oliver Tambo, then president of the party, and to Nelson Mandela, which said she should be isolated and the football club disbanded.

But faced with Mrs Mandela herself, in a white and black spotted suit and designer sunglasses, their criticism turned to mumbles and

Bishop Storey said that while the cancer of South Africa had been apartheid, it had resulted in "secondary infections which eroded some people's sense of right and wrong". He suggested that the Mandela Crisis Committee was as much concerned with "damage control" as it was with ensuring the release of the abducted youths.

Mrs Mandela, who is seeking the deputy presidency of the ANC at next month's conference, faces accusations of up to 13 murders and

a person under siege

Sam Kiley sees

veterans admit that they did not dare stand up for abducted youths

the South African Council of Churches and now a senior adviser to Thabo Mbeki, the Deputy President, said he was part of the Mandela Crisis Committee. The reaction of 'Mama' was of a person under siege. The reaction was to say: You are talking like the [apartheid] system," he said, using the name by which supporters refer to Mrs Mandela.

Aubrey Mokoena, now an MP, declined under repeated question-ing to condemn directly Mrs Mandela's actions and said she might have been unaware of the criminal and brutal behaviour of

Sydney Mufamadi, who was also a member of the group and is now minister in charge of the police, said they were once allowed to meet three of the five youths allegedly being held at Mrs Mandela's home.

Mr Mufamadi said all three bore fresh wounds, but that the other two attributed their injuries to



Chikane: "She was like:

group did not dare to confront Mrs Mandela with the allegation that the boys had been kidnapped and were being assaulted because they could not offer the children

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sanctuary.
Mr Mufamadi earlier submitted to the commission several internal documents, including one which reported to ANC leaders. One read: "It is with a feeling of terrible sadness that we consider it necessary to express our reservations about Winnie Mandela's judgment in relation to the Mandela Football

in another letter, the group appealed to Tambo in London: "Help us. Map out the way forward . pertaining to Winnie's political

However, while members of the Mandela Crisis Committee ap-peared unwilling to censure her directly, a senior member of the Government accused Mrs Massdela of condoning or participating in criminal activity and said she should be declared unfit to hold public office.

Azar Cachalia, now Secretary for Safety and Security, and Murphy Morobe, a former activist who now heads the Government's Financial and Fiscal Commission, testified jointly about the football club's reign of terror.

In what Mr Cachalia called "perhaps the most sickening case", he said two youths were abducted to Mrs Mandela's home during the final phase of white rule and were accused by the football club, which he called "a vigilante gang", of being police informers.
"On one of them the letter "M"

was sliced into his chest with a penknife and the words 'Viva ANC were carved down his right thigh. The second youth also had the words 'Viva ANC' carved on his

"At best for Mrs Mandela, she was aware and encouraged this criminal activity. At worst, she directed it and actively participated in the assaults," Mr Cachalia said. Piet Retief: Truth commission investigators have found the bodies of more than 260 ANC guerrillas killed and secretly buried by the exhumed near the border with



Islanders will see dawn of a new age

BY NIGEL HAWKES SCIENCE EDITOR

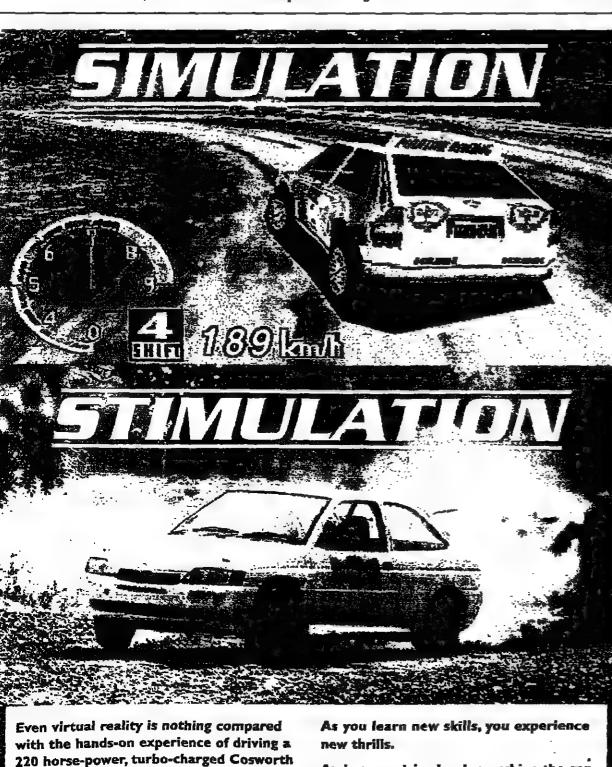
THE first inhabited land to greet the sun as the new millennium dawns will be Pitt Island, a rocky New Zealand dependency that is home to 750 people and 250,000 sheep.

Standing on Hakepa Hill, the bucky islanders and any tourists and television crews that have paid to attend will see the sun rise 14 seconds before 4.45am local time on the morning of January 1, 2000. In Britain, it will still be ton on the afternoon of December 31, 1999. The truly adventurous might anticipate the Pitt Island dawn by five minutes by going to the uninhabited Antipodes Islands hather south.

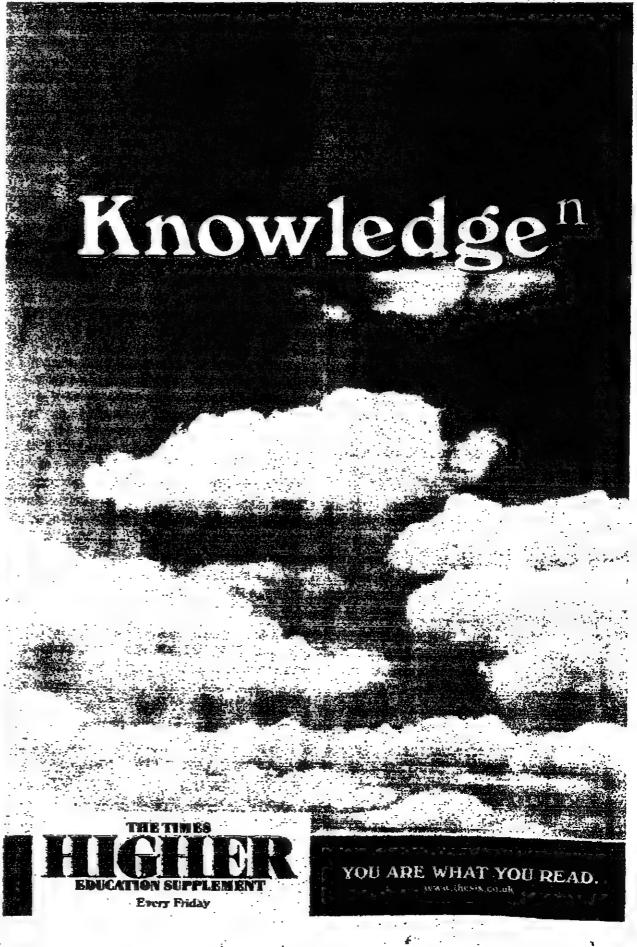
The calculations appear in the latest edition of The Geographical Journal. Unimportant as they seem, much may hang on them, because two rival groups are aiming to sell television and media rights to the first sunrise of the new millennium.

One group is headed by Norris McWhirter, the former Guinness Book of Records editor, who is also one of the authors of the Geographical Journal article. Its results will please him, because the Millennium Adventure Company that he heads has bought up part of Hakepa Hill and plans to sell the rights.

A rival consortium, First-light 2000, has claimed that the hill is usually mistshrouded at dawn, and is offering five other sites on Pitt Island. The claim has been decided by Millemium Adno mistier than any other part



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A long struggle between the Acts

Entertaining but exasperating: Adams Mars-Jones charts the battle for homosexual law reform from newly released government documents

he trouble with socialism, according to Oscar Wilde, was that it would take too many evenings. The trouble with homosexual law reform in this country, as it trundled erraticalby towards the achievement of the Sexual Offences Act of 1967, was that it took altogether too many mornings, afternoons

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The Public Record Office has released a struggle, most of them covering familiar ground but some of them full of entertainment value in their own exasperating way.

Labouchere's Amendment, the notorious "blackmailer's charter" of 1885 that prohibited all forms of sexual activity between men, was tacked onto "a Bill to make further provision for the protection of women and girls" and took far less than an evening to bring about. The chamber was half empty and there was-virtually no debate. It occupies a third of a column in Hansard. It took millions of man hours, from the 1950s on, to supplant

It is no news that those who introduced reforming legislation.

Lord Arran in the Upper House and Leo Abse in the Lower, had nothing to gain personally from a liberalisation of society's atmosphere and were anxious that their position not be misconstrued Arran later admitted to having spent a year "permanently, if slightly pickled", after the walls of his office, his clob, and many Under-ground stations were daubed with the message "Arran homo".

Part of the documentation, though,

is new: a transcript of a BBC interview from June 1962, between Leo Abse and Edward Gardner, MP. The most interesting passage was cut from the broadcast, either for technical reasons

or to smooth ruffled feathers. Abse starts by pointing out that a Government which hopes to take Britain into the Common Market will find itself in a peculiar position "if a man can be living with an adult, let us say in Denmark, and if he comes into this country, he can find himself subjected to the criminal

The invocation of Europe is astute and even prophetic: the 1967 Act was found by the European Commission in 1981 to have breached the European Convention by excluding Northern Ireland from its provisions. But Edward Gardner shrewdly shifts the discussion from Denmark to somewhere insidiously southern and corrupting. He agrees that there is a different atmosphere "shall we say in a place like Capri?", where homosexuality can be indulged "on a whim". Mr Abse is reduced to soluttering "I have never been to Capri ... from what you tell me, I have no desire to go there, because I would find it particularly offensive, if the atmosphere which could only be shown by respective offences." This is a familiar double public homosexual behaviour came to my

reference to Capri was particularly deadly. This was the island where, as Suetonius recorded, Tiberius trained boys to pleasure him while swimming. To link a law reformer to Capri was to associate him with the most milimic decadence.

No wonder politicians struck an almost pathologically healthy note. The Home Office spokesman, Lord Stonham, told his fellow peers: "I must have been remarkably lucky or exceptionally blind but, during a fairly active life among men, including 25 years' participation in team games, I did not



Reformer Leo Abse suffered taunts and abuse

most of us know that in Ancient Greece even Olympic heroes took male lovers. Looked at through the mists of 2,000 years it became etherealised and possible. Looked at in a 1965 magistrates court it was at best impossible, It sounds like an opponent of law reform

speaking in fact, it was a supporter. When two law lords (Kilmuir and Goddard) referred with apparent authority to the existence of "buggers' clubs" and "sodomitic societies" it was Stonham who had to be briefed to rebut them. The opinion of the Director of Public Prosecutions was sought. His office replied that no such places had. existed in London for ten years, according to Scotland Yard. There was, however, a rider: We, of course, have had a number of cases. involving what may be described as a nest of buggers, but these involved the use of. premises by these people as a focal point for meeting from which they would go independently to other premises to commit their standard. I go with my girlfriend to a lovers'

a nest of buggers. Labouchere's Amendment warped millions of lives between 1885 and 1967. The best monument to those lives is Between The Acts, a book of oral histories edited by Kevin Porter and Jeffrey Weeks, full of sadness, humour and revelation.

These interviews were conducted in 1978-79 with the financial help of the Social Science Research Council, until an incoming Government with a different agenda cut the Council's funds. On the evidence of these 15 life histories, it may be that it was the Second World War which made homosexual law reform inevitable. When half the world was

in uniform and far from home, a subculture that thrived on anonymity received a massive boost, and the blackout made darkness general, public places private.

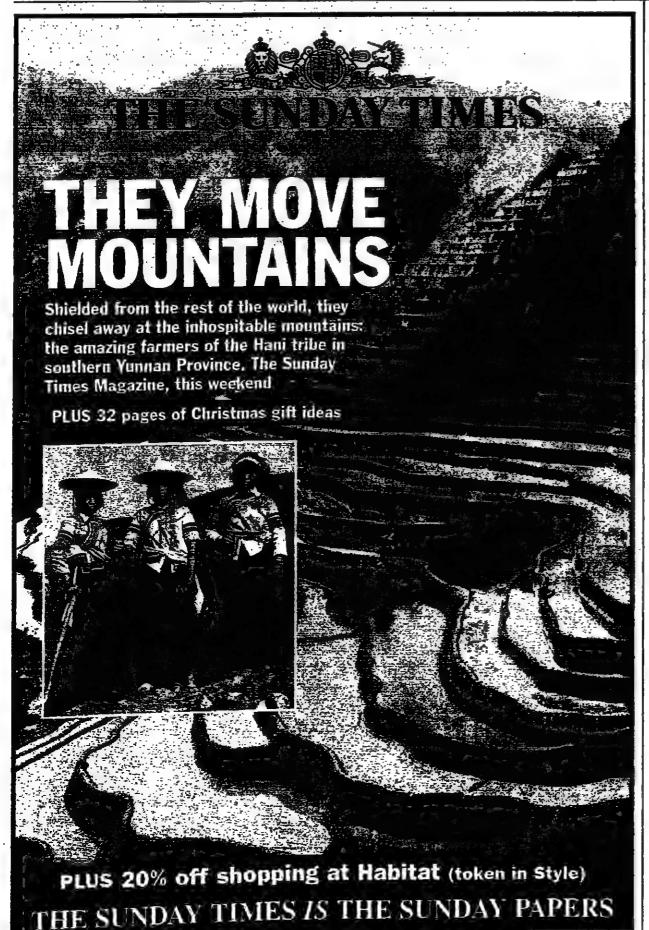
Theatregoers in London can currently learn about the recent Dark Ages of homosexual life from two lays. The revival of Mart Crowley's The Boys in the Band from 1968 at the Aldwych is a reminder of life before liberation — a not particularly wel-come reminder for a gay generation that takes its rights for granted. Tom Stoppard's The Invention of Love at the National Theatre has Lahouchere as a character, although refracted through the memories and imagination of the play's central character. A.E. Housman. At one point in Stoppard's dream-play, Labouchere even claims to have devised his amendment as a way of forcing the withdrawal of an Act he thought badly drafted, and to have no personal objection to "a French kiss and what-you-fancy between two chaps safe at home with the door shut". If

Stoppard in his play is able to do without apparent effort what those law reformers found so hard: to take homosexual emotion seriously. His Hous-man's jokes and sadnesses, large regrets and small fulfilments, are both particular and

universal panes. In the years immediately after the 1967 Act, prosecutions went down, not up. Pretty policemen were used for purposes of entrapment until a year or two ago. There are still discriminatory offences on the statute book, such as soliciting for an immoral purpose," and there is still no equality in the age of consent.

As the newly released documents reveal, in June 1967, José Aponte from the Attorney-General's Office of Puerto Rico, wrote to the Home Office, asking for assistance. He had been charged with gathering groundwork for the sections on homosexuality and obscenity of a new penal code for his country. and needed help with the "difficult work of exploring new ways for a sane and modern administration of justice". An official reply was duly drafted, laying out the glories of the British legal system as it applies to those areas. A more truthful response at the time







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Like the real thing, but so much better

Noah's Ark. Only occasionally did the models come down two by two, but the array of animal pelts was striking. From snake and crocodile through to cosy sheepskins, designers' animal

instincts were given free rein. Not all of it was the genuine article. To the horror of campaigners, real fur has indeed ide a comeback. But at the same time, artificial substitutes for every type of animal skin are finding new credibility. Faking it is no longer a cheapskate's alternative nor a reaction to animal rights' lobbying, but a positive choice.

The British designer Paul Frith, whose sleek "leather" suiting is sold in the designer rooms of Harrods, among others, uses almost exclusively leatherette. Joseph, while designing and selling the real thing, has rescued PVC trou-sers from their uncomfortable, fetishist beginnings. They come in every colour, in shiny and matte finishes, in fake snakeskin, in hipster and boot-leg cuts... and nobody, but nobody, would judge them inferior to leather.

As designers have experimented, so the high street has been able to get in on the act,

Faking it is no longer the cheapskate's alternative, nor is it a reaction to the animal rights lobby. It's fashionable, says Style Editor Grace Bradberry

shirts and trousers, and fakefur collared coats that are desirable in their own right, rather than as cheap copies of catwalk designs. All the leathers, suedes and furs shown here are fake.

Indeed, the fake fabrics themselves are taking on a style status of their own, independent of the things they were designed to imitate. Ste-phen Higginson, editor of International Textiles, compares it to the rise of Australian and New Zealand wines: "When people first began talk of a wine being like a bordeaux or a French chardonnay. Then it became, This isn't like anything, it is what it is.' Similarly with these new fabrics. As designers experiment, their artificiality is seen as a positive thing."

Breakthroughs in technology have given the new fabrics breathability, and Lycra has added stretch. Other advances in microfibres have vastly improved the tactile qualities and appearance. Some are more versatile than real animal skins. They also take colour better, and their perforEven so, says Higginson: "At the designer end of things you never quite know what things are made of, unless it's a capsule collection made at

the behest of, say, Tencel. "Rich people always like to think that they've got the genuine article. But style is everything now, It's what it

> 'It's far more exciting to source a new fabric than to buy part of a cow'

looks like and feels like that

The attachment to the real thing, however, remains strong with more status-orientated consumers. In The Language of Clothes, Alison Lurie suggests: "To some extent, fabric always stands for the This can be purely to do with late Seventies and the early

Eighties.

Thankfully, stylists have found a middle ground between this kind of hard-edged aesthetic and the romantic opulence of designers such as John Galliano for Dior and Dolce & Gabbana. By mixing fabrics and putting traditionally heavier outdoor pieces with lighter textures, they've created a day to evening look that softens and feminises Eighties aggro-chic, and tones down the outrageously expensive allure of the lusher pieces. Sheer tops go under leather suits. A woolly jumper offsets a rich, fur-collared coat. Shapes are sleek and colours such as aubergine, burgundy and olive green mix in with harsher blacks and browns.

visual impact - the cold-

blooded impact of snakeskin,

the sexual connotations of fox

fur and the "foxy lady" image.

But it can boil down to money.

As Lurie puts it: "Most pur-

chasers of fur coats are unfa-

miliar with the behaviour of the beasts from which they come: all they want to say is 'I

am a very expensive animal, "

everything was real. Dolce &

Gabbana and Gucci's fox-fur

trimmed coats, Etro's Mongo-

lian lambswool coat, and

Versace's cashmere cardigan

with fox-fur trim were exer-

At the other end of the scale

from this kind of retro roman-

ticism, however, slouches the

high-trash rock chick glamour of Alexander McQueen and Anna Molinari. Punched-out

holes, slashed fringing and

binliner"-style dresses with

flat necklines hark back to the

style of such tough rock

women as Chrissie Hynde,

Patti Smith and Siouxsie

It's a punk-goth-

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In this spirit, American Vogue ran an entire shoot called Svelte Pelts in which

> however, and there's often a futuristic edge to some of the pieces. believes that this is the way things are going, "People will talk about whether a particular designer is about cut or fabric. But everybody can cut. Some of the most interesting companies are using new fabto use real skins. It's far more



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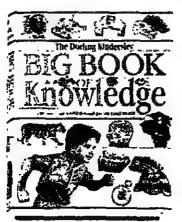
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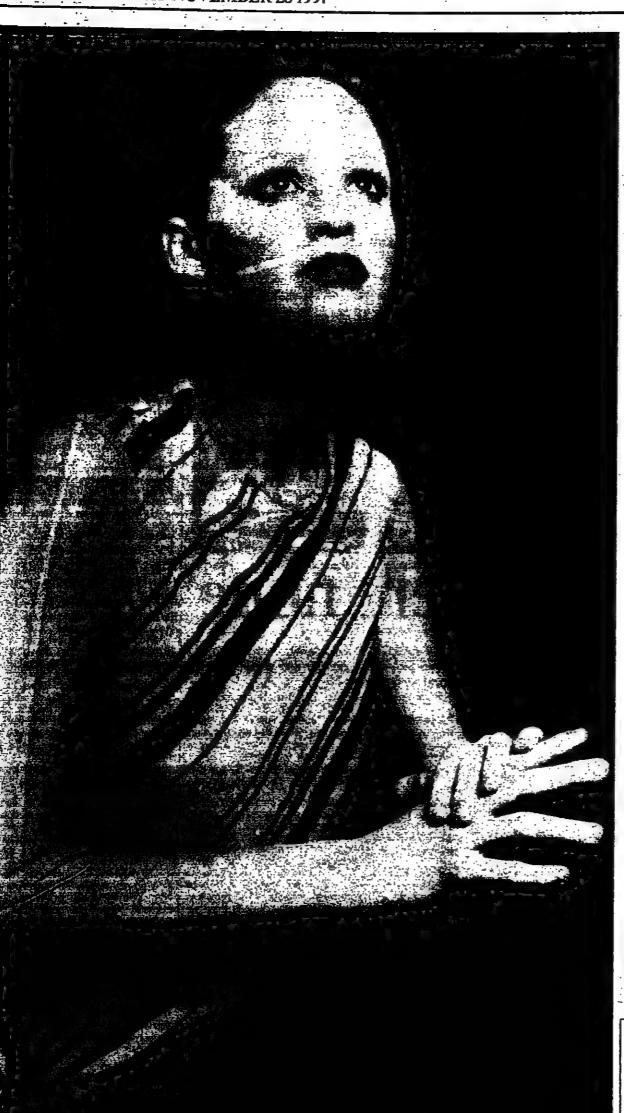


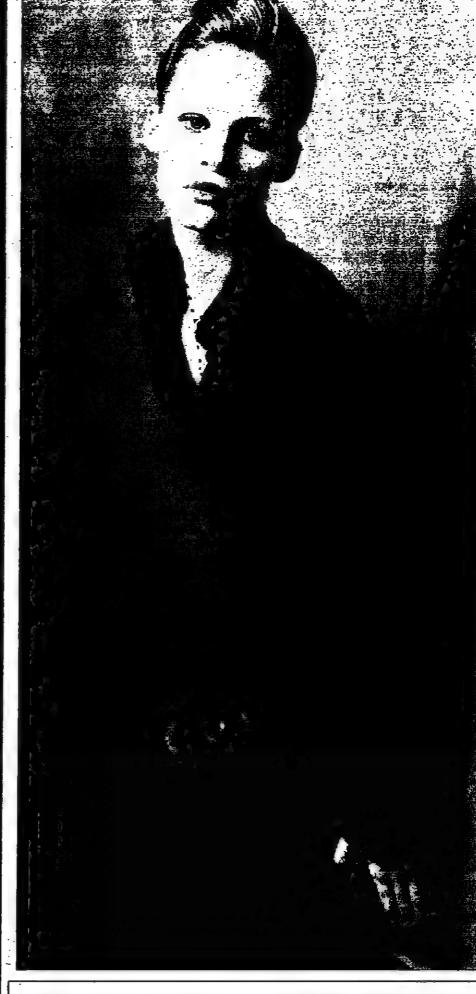
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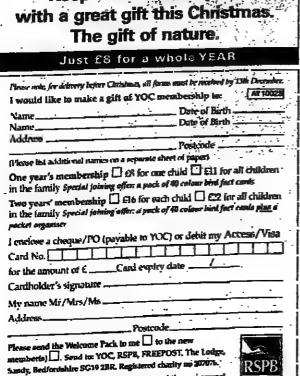
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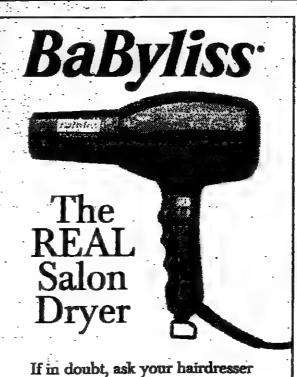
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The trade unions still have their reservations, says John Lloyd

some way right. It signifies the end of an era of late-industrial relationships in which places were, for a time, known and in which classes were, though never static, defined. It points out the potentials and dilemmas of an age in which symbols are often more important than objects. Its very omni-applicability and vagueness excite the imagination. It conjures up a world of endless maileability, in which the blocks and contradictions of life can be dissolved in an appeal to be flexible.

The logic of an age in which information-based capitalism is so rapidly replacing industrial capitalism means that the moorings to which societies ried themselves are loosened. No skill is forever learnt: no corporation is secure; no job, or at least no job description. is for life. Even if the insecurities been exaggerated, there is no doubt that the insecurities felt by many workers in advanced socienes are real.

Flexibility in work seems to mean the emergence of a society in which a few who can best grasp and manipulate both infor-

Britain is mation and people rewarded the easiest highly. They be-come, in Tom Wolfe's satire of the country in information society. which to The Bonfire of the Vanities, Lords of fire people the Universe". The

majority cope with the new societies more or less well. They are often enriched by the intellectual possibilities opened for them and by the end of the settled, sometimes oppressive relationships which characterised the industrial order.

But a large number are excluded and marginalised. They are useless - literally their idle hands. Their intellects have not been trained, or they do not stretch them, to cope with even the lower level of information tasks. Karl Marx saw the rise of the proletariat as a force which could and would expropriate the expropriators, or capitalists. Now, the new Lords of the Universe are expropriating the proletariat. A new capitalism's flexible financial universe renders the workers workless, and makes of them an

This is the universe in which new Labour operates. It is itself a lord of it. This week. one of new Labour's more ambiguous figures tried to set some solid ground below his part of it. John Monks, General Secretary of the TUC, is umbiguous not in his person. but in his relation to the 'project". He has been seen. not wholly wrongly, as involved. He explicitly pursues a new unionism, seeking (as all union leaders in advanced societies must) to marry neces-

sary flexibility with the continuation of a trade union role. Yet he gave a speech on Wednesday evening to the Jim Conway Foundation which took direct issue with flexibility in its new Labour guise. Conceding the centrality of the

Tlexibility is one of the word, he said that it "congreat words of the end of the millennium It has millennium It has the millennium. It has ed". New ways of working were inevitable: a recasting of industrial society and of wel-

fare states overdue. But, he held, the awkward fact was that flexibility was interpreted as a lowering or ending of employment protec; tion; declining unionisation: lower unemployment benefits. Britain, he said, tops the flexibility league in two ways: it is the easiest country in which to fire people and it has the lowest capital employed per worker.

Nor can it be said that where unions are strong, employment protection robust always higher unemployment. There is such a relationship if there are no active labour market policies; but otherwise no such conclusion can be drawn. He has put these points to the Prime Minister. The Prime Minister said he was interested, and asked for more information.

Tony Blair may well be interested. But he is governed by a fear — a fear of being seen to slip back into old Labour attitudes. Thus when he was interviewed about his pitch to

fellow European heads of gov-ernment at the jobs summit in Amsterdam last weekend, he said three times that the way to create jobs is not to load a whole lot of costs on business' but to invest in education, setting a stable framework.

Gordon Brown's green Budget this past week was a lesson in setting a stable framework, new Labour-style. in confirming the cut in benefits to single-parent families by up to Ell a week and at the same time assisting the poorer pensioners over the winter, he gave flesh to what has always been his conception — to attract or push the able-bodied into work of any kind, and to be as generous as prudence allows to the old and the sick.

on my character. And now a new danger. People in newspapers are persuading William leadership is nervous Hague to go freewheeling without about the pro-trade brakes down a steepening slope; and although I am sure that if William union measures to which they are committed — especially the falls off, Bruce Anderson would own minimum wage and statutory recognition of trade unions. up and take him home, no stitches would mend Mr Hague's leadership The leadership wants the wage to be set just above a as they did Master Gray's jaw. One cites Bruce Anderson, the political editor of The Spectator, level at which it would be wholly meaningless; and it wants the unions to produce an agreement with the CBI

because nobody more persuastvely puts the case for brakeless bicycling. He put it to me, on the letters page opposite. I had written in these which will show its members to be happy to recognise columns that since Oppositions do unions where they organise a not govern, they should feel in no hurry to settle policy on every awkward issue. Who knows? I said, majority of workers. It fears it will get neither - and if so, that it will have industrial events may settle the single currency battles, and turn a flank to the question. Europhiles or Eurosceptics may wish to shift position later. Tories at last, Bruce disagrees. He wrote The John Monks wants to marry

flexibility with social justice, including social justice at Times a courteous letter putting with passion the case for decisive action to work. New Labour likes the settle the Tory course at once in a sound of that; but the reality of Eurosceptic direction. If there are it will be hard to deliver. The some who are reluctant to march, he said, it is better they leave now. His argument is powerful, rational and Prime Minister shies away from it as a horse from fire. This Government will try. profoundly unwise. Anderson has been impressed, I which is more than one could

suspect, by the way Labour has dealt say of the last one. But it will take a very good trick indeed with its hard Left. He concludes that to pull off such a marriage. you can strip backsliders from a political party rather as you pick the black bits from a peeled potato, leaving an essentially wholesome The author is associate editor

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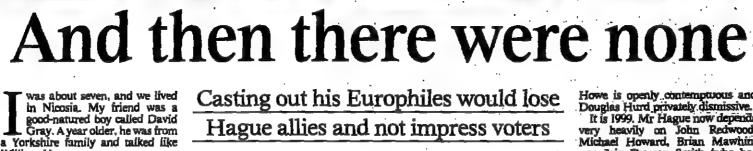
insist that a more suitable person to

take risks on my bike was me. "Go

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blood on your face, I lost my nerve and scarpered. I was atraid of your

mother. The incident reflects badly



William Hague.
We both had bicycles: his new, mine with no brakes. Playing by the dried-up river, we agreed it would be dangerous and fun to try freewheeling down the steep track to the bottom of the gorge. I urged David to try, on my old bike. I did mention the Hague's "not for a decade" approach to the single currency? So what? Ten times that number are loyal. Good riddance to dissenters! Teach them a lesson, stiffen the doubters, Impress the public, kill the issue in the press, Oddly, in retrospect, David did not and free Hague's sword to strike at Labouri Look what leaving the dispute to simmer did to Major. Let's on." I said, "you try!"

He did. He gathered speed, lost balance and fell off. Though not seriously hurt, he gashed his jaw. David, if you are alive and reading this, I am sorry I taked you into it. sort this thing out once for all.

Ah Bruce, read Tamburlaine. How balefully does that sentiment "once and Ian Taylor, both of whom have for all echo down the centuries. How much blood which

drew more blood. how many wars-toend-all-wars, final reckonings whose bottom line began a new and bitter acpartnerships which foundered upon the

rock of a truth that should never have been spoken ... do we awe to the impatient rationality which insists we stop the jaw-jaw, cock our pistols and be done with it?

The Conservative Party is not a potato, and its "positive Europeans" are not isolated and superficial rotten spots upon the clean, white, orthodox flesh of Euroscepticism. The better analogy is with peeling an onion. As with an onion, there is no "core" Conservative Party but an interleaving of layers, all of them integral to the organism. Your onion, and your Tory party, do not divide into kernel essential onion" — and neel. In the end it is all peel. Remove one layer and you expose the next.

hold no brief for Hugh Dykes. His arrogant certainties on Europe irritate me. But he is no socialist. Peel off Dykes and you expose Peter Temple-Morris.

I hold no brief for Peter Temple-Morris. His vanity annoys me. But he is not a bad man. He managed to stay a Conservative MP for 23 years, most under the leadership of Margaret Thatcher. So peel off Temple-Morris, you say, Bruce? Heaven knows it was easy to justify. Peter was

offside and will not be missed. But was it necessary? To push him before he jumped restored a dignity he had begun to lose - but push they

vegetable for the pot. And the sooner the better.

So there are a few wobblers over exposed next. Well, Bruce, I can hear you as I write: hooray, you say, the

sooner that cow departs, the better. I do not agree. Edwina is infuriating and her mania for publicity, I know, drives colleagues up the wall. But she is also a talented, brave and thoughtful woman, and one of the best communicators the Tories have. Ah well, another one bites the dust.

A leaner, fitter onion now? And then you have David Curry

quit as Tory spokesmen. I hear no breath from either that they would conthat they would template quitting the party — but in the end both may. ability and uncommon sense. Few other junior ministers breathed the calm competence which was Taylor's hall-

mark. Curry's good brain and palpable decency marked him for an important post in a future Cabinet. Skipton & Ripon did not fall, as neighbouring Harrogate did, to the Liberals, but Curry is vulnerable to a Lib-Lab voting pact. He would be a heavyweight catch for the Liberal Democrats at Westminster - and I bet Paddy Ashdown would deal. The onion shrinks. Who next? I realise Bruce might regard the

departure of Sir Edward Heath as a. cause for celebration, but I do think that to lose a former Prime Minister would look like carelessness. Anyone who thinks Sir Edward incapable of this shocking act does not know Ted. The party is diminished, but Bruce and a platoon of right-wing leader-

writers are still cheering.
We peer into the crystal ball. 1998. The cheering grows a little ragged as Kenneth Clarke, Chris Patten, Michael Heseitine and John Gummer are rumoured to be wavering. George Young has resigned from the Shadow Cabinet. Alastair Goodlad has thrown in the towel. Michael Ancram mutters. Stephen Dorrell stays but, with John Maples, looks out of place. Norman Fowler, loyal but troubled, retires. Cecil Parkinson, retired, is rude about his leader at dinner parties. Also in the Lords, Geoffrey

Howe is openly contempuous and Douglas Hurd privately dismissive.

It is 1999. Mr Hague now depends very heavily on John Redwood, Michael Howard, Brian Mawhin-ney, Iain Duncan Smith (who has brought Julian Lewis and John Bercow in on his coat-tails) and Alan Duncan. Julian Brazier is made a

junior defence spokesman.

And what bailles polisters is that respondents consistently declare their views on Europe to be closely mirrored by this new Tory Likud; yet when asked to choose words which best describe the Tories, they select "narrow", "ideological", "unkind" and "extreme". Something measured, renerable, tolerant, careful; something ... safe seems to have gone from the Conservative Party. Perhaps because we voters are secretly less. confident of our opinions than we pretend, we place more importance on a party's prudential qualities - its affability and caution, its general air of good sense — than upon any particular congruence between its spokesmen's opinions and our own

The year 2000 arrives. The Times 'runs a leading article declaring first the purge has been more protracted than was hoped, but now the party is ready. At 17 per cent in the polls, it can only be up! Heseltine retires and at the ensuing by-election, the Tories lose Henley. Now Bruce: I don't know about

you, my friend, but this prospect does not please me. You and I agree about the single currency, but our Conservative onion was always a multilayered thing and for 20 years - since Chris Patten hired us both at the Conservative Research Department - we stayed friends with Tories who took another view. Is the day coming when an openly gay man might be waved through into the Shadow Cabinet, guiltily hiding his secret doubt about whether, if the euro succeeds, Tories might not need to think again? How far should

One has to be very sure - gripped by the centrality of one's cause, certain it could not be mistaken before one drives old friends away instead of trying to talk them round. Confident that problems with the single currency will out, I am not so inflamed as to be prepared to put my party to the sword of my opinions.

I fear the Conservative Party is riding for a fall. Forty years ago I failed one Yorkshireman by egging him on. I will not do the same to

Don't kill off king coal

Keep our energy

options open, says Yvette Cooper

har's a bright young woman like you doing defending an old, dirty, declining industry like that? This was the question implicit in the Times article yesterday which described me as a Blairine MP forced to defend the threatened coal industry. The journalist clearly found it hard to believe that a young woman, so closely associated with new Labour, should be granding up for an industry so

associated with new Labour, Stabulu he standing up for an industry so strongly linked to Arthur Scargill.

Safeguarding our collieries is being portrayed as a hopelessly nostalgic and uneconomic thing to do. Modern, hard-headed economists should—so the story goes—just let the market rip and shrug their shoulders if onel enes under.

if coal goes under.
But to caricature the debate in this way is not just wrong; it is dangerous. This is not to say that I believe the Government should leap in whenev-Government should leap in whenever big employers are in trouble. It can't. A sensible modern industrial policy recognises that in some markets free competition promotes the public interest, but in others — where there is monopoly power, for instance — regulation is essential. Energy markets are already regulated. But this is not working to promote the this is not working to promote the public interest. Both coal and the

consumer are losing out.

When the energy industry was privatised, the previous Conservative Government handed over the lion's share of our generating capacity to major companies: PowerGen and National Power. This duopoly has been able to use the strange mechanism of setting electricity prices (the pool) to keep customer bills, and their own profits, unfairly bills.

high.
Instead of breaking up the duopoly, reforming the pool or pushing prices down, the regulator chose to encourage new companies to enter the market, building power stations of their own. As gas-fired power stations are cheaper to construct than coal-fired stations, the push for new

players turned into a dash for gas.

The regulator then permitted these new power producers to agree long-term contracts at high prices with the regional electricity companies that partiown them and then pass the costs on to their captive customers us. These so-called "sweetheart deals" continue to exclude coal. Add coal and nuclear power, and it is clear that the playing field isn't level. I John Battle was right to launch a

full review of the pool and to decide this week to send those sweetheart deals back to the regulator for review. But there is a further reason for

To other market could switch our lights off, our life-sup-port machines off, our computers off, or - heaven forbid - our televisions off. Few other markets have such considerable impact on our macroeconomic stability either. Without coal, we could end up with 70-80 per cent of our energy needs supplied by gas — a vulnerable position. In 20 or 30 years time (when I shall still be in my fifties), British gas may not be as plentiful as it is today. With Algeria and Russia as the main alternative sources, it doesn't take a genius to work out that political instability could jeopardise our future economic security. Left to themselves, markets don't take account of those kinds of future political

risks. Nations must. The economist Dieter Helm, writing in the pages of this newspaper, recently argued that maintaining coal as an "insurance policy" was unjustified. The premium, he said, was just too great. But how on earth does he know that? The Government's Energy Advisory Panel, on which Mr Helm sits, says that not enough work has been done to know how great the risks really are

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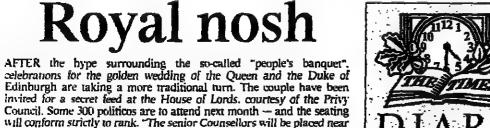
We need urgent research into the level of risk we will face in future, so we can draw up a balanced strategy for responding to those risks.

It is time to go further. The Government, power generators and coal producers need to come together urgently to seek solutions. The Government needs to hasten the pool review. A moratorium should be called on new gas-fired power stations and we should support the development of clean coal technology. Both gas and electricity regulators must now take a more robust approach to competition, stop the long-term gas contracts and clamp down directly on abuses of market

Meanwhile the companies must recognise their responsibility to become more productive and efficient, working for contracts rather than playing brinkmanship games with people's jobs and people's lives. Coal producers must go out and make the case for coal, rather than waiting for

government help. Coal should not be seen as an old declining industry, but as a modern, forward-looking industry, facing up to the challenges of competition and critical to our economic security. We need determined action now to get a fair deal and safeguard coal's future, not just for the sake of the 1,200 hardworking miners I represent, but for good economic and strategic reasons.

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of the New Statesman.

Her Majesty." says the Clerk of the Council, referring to the Earl of Avon. the Lord Chancellor ... you know the crowd. Happily, it also marks a welcome return to the top table for the Earl of Caithness, the former minister whose wife. Diana, killed herself three years ago. The earl. now a successful estate agent, is expected to sit close to the Queen. People's champions Tony Benn and Lord Healey "will sit on other tables, slightly farther away".

● TUESDAY found Sir Tim Sainshury partying at Somerset House, a ghoulish piece of masonry soon to be refurbished. The improvements, promised Sir Tim. would include making the courtyard "free of all cars". Odd. then, that staff had been instructed to create II courtyard parking slots for P-reg guests.

Phone pest

IF YOU thought last night's BBC coverage from South Africa of the



blockbuster Spencer v Spencer was a bit thin, blame the judge. Jeremy Vine, the Beeb's man, was thrown out of court after his mobile phone rang. The judge then asked Nicho-las Mostyn, QC, a London lawyer, what would have happened to such a culprit in Britain. Mostyn said that a fat fine would be in order. He was in court as an expert witness for Earl Spencer, attempting to prevent his wife from landing too juicy a settlement. Odd. then. that Mostyn once explained that



most of his work was defending the 'underdog" wives of rich men.

 NOT CONTENT with the revenue from her salacious screen appearances, Sharon Stone has resorted to busking. Last week found her on the platform of a New York subway station, subjecting her fellow travellers to a rendition of Amazing Grace. Although even the politest present were heard to complain that she was rather out of tune, several coins were tossed in her direction (if only to shut her up).

Missing vow

LATEST bulletin from the wedding preparations of William Hague: the refreshingly independent fiion Jenkins will not yow to obey her husband, a man who

spends much of his time ordering his MPs to toe the line. Traditionalgifts on offer at the Wedding Shop. There's virtually nothing under ists will be relieved to hear that this £100," grumbles one. will be the only touchy-feely element to an otherwise traditional

Ffion's refusal does not faze the Rev Donald Gray, who will conduct next month's ceremony in the Crypt Chapel at the House of Commons. "Most couples don't tend to obey," he says, "I always meet couples before a service and run through the options — the decision is entirely up to them."

Guests, meanwhile, have been startled by the prices of wedding



"It took even longer to come

out than one of their pints."

Heavy pet ADOLESCENT spirits at Downside School — a monastic institution in deepest Somerset have been raised by a visit from Pet Shop Boy Chris Lowe. The word among the electric-harpsichord set is that Lowe wants to learn about Gregorian chanting, the music practised by the Downside monks.

Moods, earlier this month. Lowe, who was accompanied by the pockmarked old drummer Simon Gilbert, clearly endeared himself to his hosts. "He's brilliant," gushes the Headmaster, Father Anthony Sutch, "But I was too shy to tell them that I'd already been to the Pet Shop Boys concert for my birthday."

who released an album, Gregorian

• TRIUMPH, at last, for Madonna: after three weeks scouring Landon's cul-de-vacs for suitable dies, she has bought a house in Kensington for £4 million. The pad — bleak, Georgian, off the High Street — needs extensive renovation."It doesn't look hugely impressive from the outside, but it's worth every penny." says a friend. "There's excellent security



Kensington's newest resident

- it costs £45,000 for an under ground parking space." Madonna will move in with her one year-old daughter Lourdes, whom the singer wants to pack off to a polite Eng-lish prep school — Norland Place, Pembridge Hall, Kensington High, somewhere like that. It is also believed that she may find room for her latest armrest, Andy Bird, 27, an aspiring actor from a rather more modest establishment

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GHOSTS OF LABOUR PAST

The minimum wage will benefit no one, least of all the poor

Yesterday's publication of the Bill to establish a national minimum wage was an act of ancestor-worship by the Government. a homage to the ghosts of old Labour past. Tony Blair's ambition to expand people's opportunities in a modern, competitive and humane Britain is ill-served by this irrelevant, economically illiterate and potentially harmful decision. To adapt Lord Keynes, it reveals the Prime Minister and his team as "the slaves of some defunct trade unionist". For Margaret Beckett, the President of the Board of Trade, it was "a very proud day because it is the beginning of the end of poverty pay". It is better described as a detour from the Government's campaign to move people off welfare and into work — a strategy in which clumsy interventionist tinkering has no logical place.

Having fashioned this rod for its own back, the Government now confronts hard choices indeed, starting with the rate itself and its impact on employment. How will wages - which in the real world may include such things as tips, piecework rates, payments in kind such as subsidised meals or accommodation - be calculated? How will the minimum wage interact with benefit and taxes, if low income families are not to end up worse off? How often is the rate to be raised and on what basis? How can "catchup" demands for higher wages by betterpaid workers, or a growth in sub-minimum

wage black market jobs, be avoided? Ian McCartney, the minister responsible, says that it is up to the Low Pay Commission to come up with proposals, as also over whether to exclude trainees and young workers from the law. He insists that employers will learn to love the minimum wage because it will stop undercutting by bad employers and create a "level playing field". But it is by enforcing competition that governments best level playing fields, not by dictating rates of pay. The minister says that Britain should follow the example of other major Western European countries - and dismisses their double-digit unemployment figures as irrelevant. Tony Blair, who lectures them constantly on the need for

flexible labour markets, should not. The computer projections flooding into the Low Pay Commission cannot make comforting reading. They show that a very low minimum wage of £3 to £3.70 an hour would price few people out of jobs, but equally would do little to lift the low-paid out of poverty. To cease to depend on in-work benefits, most workers would have to work nearly 70 hours a week; and the main beneficiary would then be the Treasury, with the employee gaining as little as 3p in the pound. A higher minimum wage of £4.15 an hour, well below the £4.60 sought by trade unions. would greatly benefit those who keep their jobs, particularly the 800,000 very low-paid whose existing wages would nearly double. But according to a DTI estimate this year for the previous Government, if other workers maintained wage differentials, the cost would be 1.8 million jobs. If a minimum wage will not help the poor and could cost jobs, whom will it benefit? The answer, from the Institute of Fiscal Studies, is that most of the cash gain will go to middle-income fami-lies who are not affected by the benefits trap.

So either a minimum wage does little harm, but little good; or it risks harming the very poorest, those with no job at all, while damaging the overall economy. The Government's decision to set a flat rate for the whole country and all economic sectors suggests that it would prefer a rate too low to make an impact on the real world of work. The ancestors may not be so easily appeared. It was unwise to disturb their sleep.

OPEN SEASON

Hunt supporters must deploy calm reason and compromise

Twenty years ago the Commons chose to decriminalise an activity which was then offensive to many but which, as legislators realised, was even more offensive to liberal sentiment to ban. Yesterday's release of papers from the Public Record Office reminds us how hard it is now to imagine a Britain where homosexual acts between consenting men in private made convicts of the otherwise law-abiding. Those MPs who were brave enough to vote for tolerance, with their consciences and contrary to many of their constituents's views, were discharg-

Today the Commons will vote to ban the actions of another unpopular minority. whose recreation, according to liberal sentiment, ought not to be made illegal. Yet Michael Foster's Wild Animals (Hunting with Dogs) Bill is certain to secure an overwhelming majority. Although it will not become law in this Parliamentary session, the will of the Commons is unlikely to be long frustrated.

The arguments have become bitter on both sides. However strongly any individual may object to another taking pleasure in hunting wild creatures, fox and staghunting can be vigorously defended as a leisure pursuit which a free society should tolerate, as an intimate part of rural life, as a source of employment and as the most effective form of conservation. Those arguments do not seem to have weighed with the majority of MPs, or Britain's predominantly urban population, and defenders of hunting should treat the view of the majority with something of the respect they rightly demand for their own case. Threats of civil disobedience are ill-judged and inappropriate.

Although today's vote will create a momentum for abolition, space has been created for a longer debate during which a thoughtful defence of hunting can be rehearsed. Supporters of hunting owe Tony Blair a small, but significant, debt. Although they may curse his skill as an Opposition Leader, which led to a Commons majority against them, they should acknowledge the wisdom he has shown as Prime Minister in managing that majority to allow hunt

supporters a longer opportunity to be heard. Given time, the case for hunting can make converts. Former officers in the League Against Cruel Sports, including a past executive director, James Barrington, reengagement with argument convinced them that a ban on foxhunting would not be in the interest of foxes. Hunting kills only a small proportion of the number of foxes culled every year, fewer than those controlled by the arguably crueiler methods of digging out and of shooting which more often maims than kills. If hunting were banned the number of foxes and deer killed would probably rise and some landowners may be tempted to use the unarguably crueller methods of gassing or poisoning. The recent mass culling of stags in the Quantocks is a portent of what may await the fox population.

The deployment of logic by supporters of hunting should be matched by a sensitivity to the concerns of their honest opponents. The pro-hunting lobby, rightly, asks for arban Britain to respect the settled habits of countrymen, but those who hunt should appreciate the strength of genuine revulsion inspired by some of hunting's excesses. A willingness to compromise, to explore how habits might be changed and legislation framed in the best interests of animal and man, may lead to a better Bill in a future session. Today strong feelings will have an outlet. In the months to come there must be hard thinking from open minds.

HAGUE'S GENDER GAP

Women need a greater say in the Tory party

The hats may have gone but the prejudices - terday that the party understands what live on. At the Conservative Women's ... Conference yesterday, there was at best ambivalence about getting more of their ranks into Parliament. The younger ones are keen. But many older women, who dominate Tory selection committees, do not seem to care what sex their candidate is, as long as he has a wife, good taste in ties and a sonorous voice.

All had to face the fact that the Tories returned as few women at the last election as they did in 1931, the year the conference first met; and that while women have increased their representation in every other area of society, in the Conservative Party they have not. If it were a private club, this might not matter. But it is an institution which seeks support from the public; and it must wonder if women voters, who make up 52 per cent of the electorate, like what they see.

While women used to vote Tory in far greater numbers than men (mainly because they live longer, and the old are more conservative), the "gender gap" snapped shut on May 1. Labour made inroads particularly with young women, who preferred Labour to the Tories by a margin of 29 points, compared with a 15-point lead

among men of the same age. If women had always voted the same way as men, Britain would have had many more Labour governments. The gender gap is therefore crucial to the Tories. Yet there was little sign from members attending yesneeds to be done to bring women back. Quotas were derided as patronising: that may be so but, as Labour proved, a single election in which some women are "patronised" will have substantial long-term effects in female representation. The women's conference will continue after the party reforms, even though it serves to emphasise their separation from the mainstream. No place will be reserved for a women's representative on the party's management board where the real business will be done. Meanwhile, the only member who dared to bring a child was hissed when she pointed out how useful a creche would have been.

More than two thirds of women work, and the proportion is rising fast. Although women share many political concerns equally with men, there are others that affect them disproportionately. Labour's childcare plans, for instance, are a sensible, unideological and economically efficient policy that will go down particularly well with mothers. So why, in 18 years, did the Conservatives do so little? Partly because of their ambivalence about working women; but also because women play such a small role in the counsels of their party.

Even now, William Hague's kitchen cabinet is entirely male. Just one woman, Gillian Shephard, sits in the Shadow Cabinet, and she seems keen to bow out. Action is needed if the Tories are to woo women back.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Candidate choice blights the Tories

From Mr John de Courcy Ling

Sir, The letters (November 25) of Mrs Georgiana Hibberd and Mr Chris Metz from Winchester deserve the at-tention of Lord Freeman, the recently appointed vice-chairman in charge of

parliamentary candidates at Conservative Central Office.

Mrs Hibberd says that: "It is all very well for a right-wing party, in cahoots with local reactionaries, to find carte for their placement." The find seats for their placemen." The problem is not confined to Winchester. Since Margaret Thatcher replaced Edward Heath as party leader in early 1976 there was a concerted movement at Central Office to find a different kind of candidate from hitherto.

Business and the City were preferred to public service and the professions. A series of party vice-chairmen from 1976 until the elections of May 1997 sought to fill the Conservative benches in Parliament with young men and women who were theoretically to live up to the somewhat idiosyncratic image of Margaret

Thatcher.
In Winchester in 1977, the candidate selected was an able businessman specialising in contacts in the Arab world. By 1992, however, his conduct was causing such concern that he was suspended from the House of Commons and disowned by the party. His successor, described by Mrs Hibberd not altogether inaccurately, as "an ambitious Scot in need of a safe seat", seemed to fit the pattern of someone whose interests were arguably more commercial than pastoral.

The consequence of this sadly mis-guided selection policy is that Conservative seats in the House of Commons and in the European Parliament (but not fortunately in local government) are now all too frequently filled by hard-nosed individuals more interested in private profit than service to society. The near fatal crisis in the Conservative Party is not so much one of policies but of personnel.

Yours faithfully, JOHN de COURCY LING, Bladon, Woodstock, Oxfordshire, November 25.

Winchester result

From Mr P. J. V. Tuke

Sir, When visiting the Winchester con-stituency last week (letters, November 22 and 25). I found there was a warm appreciation for the way in which the Liberal Democrats are providing constructive opposition in Parliament.

sition to that with which you disagree and fighting for what you feel strongly about is so much more effective if you are prepared to support measures with which you broadly agree. It is heartening that the electorate has grown tired of adversarial politics.

Yours faithfully, PETER TUKE (Chairman, Harting Liberal Democrats). Mill Stream, East Harting, Petersfield, Hampshire.

From Ms Suzanne Avery

Sir, It is ridiculous to claim (letter, November 25) that the Conservative candidate's defeat in the Winchester by-election was due to the party's Euroscepticism: the Euro Conservative candidate polled a mere 40 votes.

Yours faithfully, SUZANNE AVERY, The Orchard. Milford-on-Sea, Hampshire. November 25.

Radio for children From Mr Stephen Keeler

Sir, Last spring I submitted an unsolicited radio adaptation of Allan Ahlberg's The Better Brown Stories -a minor modern classic of children's literature. A fortnight ago I received a bittersweet letter from the radio drama producer to whom I submitted the scripts, saying that she "did thoroughly enjoy reading" them and that "they adapt very well indeed for radio. Our reader recommended the script to me wholeheartedly."

Then comes a paragraph, which must be as painful for the producer as for me, beginning with the word "Unhappily". It tells me that my scripts will not be developed because "the new Commissioning Editors have de-cided that it is no longer their wish in the new schedule to broadcast for children on Radio 4".

Raymond Snoddy ("The BBC is letting the children down". Media Times, November 21) rightly argues that it ought not to be beyond the corporation's creative talent to devise radio programmes which would annact a respectable audience of children

The BBC, as a public service, has another duty: to nurture the talents of writers of original radio drama for children and of adaptations from children's literature.

A BBC Radio 4 without any programming for children will be the poorer: without children's drama it will effectively and swiftly kill off a whole sector of creative endeavour.

Yours sincerely. STEPHEN KEELER. 121 Broad Lane, Hampton, Middlesex. November 23.

Red in tooth and claw runs the great foxhunting debate From Mr Steven Parker

From Mr James McFarlane

Sir, You report today that more than two thirds of the general public op-pose hunting with dogs (see also letters, November 26). True or not, it is an irrelevance.

The general public is not damaged by hunting: nobody is compelled to hunt, nor are the rights of those who, like me, don't hunt, intringed by those who do. It is hard to see what most people know of the matter or now it is their business to intervene.

We are on dangerous ground if we begin to think that the views of casual majorities should be decisive in the framing of criminal legislation. Opinion polls will show that a majority of the general public disapproves of a great many things, including the Conservative Party, homosexual acts, tripe and black pudding, smoking, immigration, Radio 3 and, very likely, the college of the specific property of th

the colour of my front door. If all these, and more, are to be made criminal because a majority doesn't like them, we shall all be in jail before long.

Yours very truly, JAMES McFARLANE, 24 Broad Street, Ludlow, Shropshire. iames@iimmimac.demon.co.uk November 27.

From Mr Dan Norris, MP for Wansdyke (Labour)

Sir, The hunting debate is often painted as pitting town against country: urban dwellers don't understand country ways, the argument goes, and resistance to hunting is focused in towns and cities. As a representative of a semi-rural constituency in northeast Somerset this viewpoint has long intrigued me.

Over 80 per cent of the 700 letters I've received about hunting over the past months have been sent by constituents urging me to back Michael Fos-ter's Bill this Friday. Yet semi-rural Wansdyke includes parts of Bristol, as well as the towns of Keynsham, Midsomer Norton and Radstock; my constituents are divided roughly equally between "urban" and "rural" areas.

Having analysed the sources of these letters I am interested to discover that opposition to hunting with dogs is even greater in the rural parts of this constituency than in the towns. Those who portray opposition to hunting as an invasion of the countryside by unsympathetic townies would do well to note that in Somerset at least, this argument, appears invalid.

Yours faithfully, DAN NORRIS. House of Commons. November 25.

Albanian 'purge'

From Mr Mark Almond and Mr Beytullah Destani

Sir, Your report (World in Brief, November 20, later editions) that Albanian diplomats had been refused asylum in this country by the Foreign Office reflects official indifference to Albanian realities since the change of regime there in July.

Unfortunately, news of the purge of the Civil Service and judiciary as well as the Albanian diplomatic service by the victorious former Communist Party, now renamed the Socialist Party, has not filtered out to the outside world. More than 3,000 people have been dismissed.

What is still more shocking about this purge is that its tentacles have drawn in widely respected and unpoli-tical scholars like Dr Nerim Basha, Director of the Albanian National Library, Dr Luan Malltezi, Director of the Albanian National Archives, and Dr Ferid Hudhri, Director of the

New housebuilding

Sir, There is a gaping hole in the plan-ning system which contributes to the pressure to use more countryside for

suitable for 50 houses, a developer can propose a development of only 30 prevent this (in sharp contrast to its powers to prevent developments of an excessive density compared to the surrounding area). Sooner or later, it will have to find another site to make up

With two or three-bedroom houses being the greatest housing need in the South East, and developers keenest on

Loans for priests

From Mrs Kathleen M. Johnson

Sir, If, as reported on November 25, the Church of England is considering plans to repay student loans taken out by its newly ordained priests, perhaps they should think back a bit.

Twenty-six years ago, when my husband was accepted for training for the Anglican priesthood, we were advised by the diocesan secretary to sell our house and be prepared for all the proceeds to go towards the support of me and our baby during the three years of his training. This is exactly what happened and my husband was ordained utterly broke but with no

Yours faithfully STEVEN PARKER. 5 The Meadway, Blackheath, SE3,

November 27.

From the Chairman of the Union of Country Sports Workers Sir, Michael Foster's Bill threatens 15,200 jobs to which there may prove to be no alternatives in the country-side. This union, which represents

Sir, Our farming cousins' unwilling-

ness to accept townie intervention in

the great hunting debate is matched only by their willingness to accept

townie subvention via EU subsidies.

cruel and unnecessary pursuit of my

Is it not time to put an end to this

hunting employees and gamekeepers. ghillies and others whose jobs are the next target for the advancing anima) rights agenda, hopes that the Com-mons will reject it.

Anti-hunting campaigners glibly argue that recreational riding and draghunting will save the jobs. The Masters of Draghounds Association disagrees. Hunts cannot unilaterally switch to draghunting. Only farmers can decide who has a good enough reason to ride across their land, and for most farmers, sport riding without pest control and other services from hunts is not attractive. Riding schools and other recreational riding businesses are already in recession.

We do not say that employment considerations should overrule animal welfare. Like two former chiefs of the League Against Cruel Sports, we believe that wildlife such as foxes will be worse off after a hunting ban, not better off, because less regulated pestcontrol methods will be used instead.

It would be unforgivable for MPs to vote 15,000 jobs away in a mistaken gesture on animal welfare. Coming just days after the Prime Minister went to Luxembourg to persuade other European governments to protect jobs more zealously, it would be ironic, too.

Yours sincerely, J. FRETWELL, Chairman, Union of Country Sports Workers, PO Box 43, Towcester, Northamptonshire NN12 7ZB. November 25

From Mr Geoff Greaves

Sir, Mr Neil Moore (letter, November 26) objects to those who disapprove of something imposing their views through legislation, in this case to stop

Department of Art of the Albanian Academy of Arts, who have been dismissed from their posts.

Regrettably, neither Western embassies nor those human rights groups which were so prominent in criticising the anti-communist interregrum in Albania (1992-97) seem to have taken any notice of these developments.

On November 28 it will be 85 years since Albania gained her independence from the Turks. It would be tragic if, after all the vicissitudes of the 20th century, Albania had returned to the grip of a party whose leaders seem to have forgotten nothing and learned nothing from the darkest period of Albanian history.

ignated, including those within the

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From Mrs Jennifer Galton-Fenzi

Sir, In view of the impending country-

wide housebuilding programme on greenfield sites, is it perhaps time we found new words for "to develop" and

developer"? The rather positive and

desirable connotations of these ex-

pressions seem increasingly at odds

existing settlement boundary.

RICHARD APPLETON,

Yours faithfully, MARK ALMOND (Chairman), BEYTULLAH DESTANI, The British Helsinki Human Rights Group, 22 St Margaret's Road, Oxford. November 25.

building larger detached homes, it is increasingly difficult for councils to make the best use of sites already des-

Yours faithfully,

November 26.

From Councillor Richard Appleton

milding new houses (letters, November 20). As a (relatively new) local councillor engaged in the review of our local plan, I am struck by a council's inability to insist on a minimum density for new developments. If the council allocates a site for

housing, suggesting that it would be nouses. The council is powerless to

debts. We started his first job as curate

with the reality.

Yours faithfully.

Post Cottage,

November 22.

on family income support. Now, as retirement looms nearer,

JENNIFER GALTON-FENZI.

Littlehempston, Totnes, Devon.

the prospect of leaving the security of a tied house and paying rent or starting up a mortgage is somewhat daunting. Would the Church Commissioners like to repay our deficit?

Yours faithfully, KATHLEEN M. JOHNSON. Chevening Rectory, Homedean Road, Chipstead, Sevenoaks, Kent. November 25.

Letters for publication may be faxed to 0171-782 5046. e-mail to: letters@the-times.co.uk hunting animals with hounds. "An arrogant, even totalitarian attitude."

I've no doubt that if the moral majority had not had their democratic way in the past, a cruel minority would have continued with cocklight-

ing, bearbaiting or even sending children up chimneys.

These reforms cost jobs and ended traditions too. Fortunately Parliament usually reflects public opinion -

albeit sometimes, as in this case, Yours faithfully, GEOFF GREAVES, 16 Causewayhead. Penzance, Cornwall.

November 26.

From Mrs Anstice Baring

Sir, I believe that Michael Foster, sponsor of the Wild Mammals (Hunting with Dogs) Bill is a coarse fisherman. I've never wanted to stop anyone fishing, but if his Bill becomes law, does he think his own sport will re-

main immune? Yours truly, ANSTICE BARING. Ravenscourt House, 20 Ravenscourt Park, W6. November 26.

From Mr R, M. Stephenson

Sir, Although many would agree with Lord Renton (letter, November 26) that the actual cause of death in foxhunting is rather more humane than other means, it is the chase prior to the fox's death which is the cruellest part of the hunt. By the time the hounds have caught the fox it may have had to endure an exhausting and wholly unnatural flight of many miles.

If, as they claim, many foxhunters are primarily concerned with the quickest and least cruel form of culling they could perhaps donate the money spent on keeping dogs, horses; etc, to research into an effective poison for foxes.

Your obedient servant, MATTHEW STEPHENSON, 31 Leigham Hall, Leigham Avenue, SW16. m.stephenson@nmsi.ac.uk November 26.

From Mrs Nicola Scurr Sir, The only reason people hunt foxes with dogs is for the fun of it.

Yours faithfully, NICOLA SCURR. 5 Bainlel Gate, SWL November 26.

Long road home

From Mr James Ingram

Sir. Mr William Fisher (letter, November 25) is mistaken when he says that the street number and postcode alone will tell a postman the exact destination of a letter.

I have recently written some software to generate complete addresses from that information, and there are many postcodes which do not represent just a single street - therefore a street number and a postcode may still refer to more than one property (albeit rarely).

Yours, JAMES INGRAM, 36c Deronda Road, SE24. iames@one-ten.com November 25.

From Mrs Poppet Codrington

Sir, Bully for Mr William Fisher, who can put 19 W9 IAZ on his letters. Whilst converting this barn our

address was The Caravan with three whippets, Down the muddy track past the back drive of Lower Lyde Farm House. No problems with deliveries and probably faster than Cod. HRI 3AQ.

Yours faithfully, POPPET CODRINGTON, Lvde Barn. Lower Lyde. Hereford, Herefordshire HRI 3AQ.

November 25.

Noises off From Mr Thom Petty

Sir, Judy Fitton (letter, November 26) may like to know that we have just performed Arnold's Grand, Grand Overture, complete with the school's Senior Management Sweeper En-

During a rehearsal we were approached by an irate school cleaner demanding the immediate return of his vacuum machine.

Yours faithfully. THOM PETTY (Principal, organ section), King's School, Cumberland Street, Macclesfield, Cheshire. November 26.

From Mr A. C. Lewin

Sir, Judging from the level of audience participation I have noticed at recent concerts, perhaps one of our celebrated composers could be encouraged to write a Concerto for Ear, Nose and Throat.

Yours faithfully. ALAN LEWIN, 3 Bourne End Road. Northwood, Middlesex. November 26.



COURT CIRCULAR

this morning visited Her Majesty's Prison Holloway, Parkhurst Road, London N7.

Her Royal Highness, Patron, Sense (the National Dealblind and Rubella

Association), afterwards visited a Sense shop at 57 Seven Sisters Road.

Holloway, London N7.

The Princess Royal this afternoon attended the Starehe Endowment Fund (UK) Reception at the Goring Hotel, Grosvenor Gardens, London

Her Royal Highness, Patron, Nat-ional Association of Victims Support Schemes, afterwards attended the Annual General Meeting at the

Brewery, Chiswell Street, London

November 27: Members of the Ca-

November 27: Members of the Canadian Branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association today had the honour of being received by Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.

Her Majesty, accompanied by Princess Alexandra, the Hon Lady Ogilvy, was present this evening at a Reception given by the Franco-British Society at St James's Palace.

Dame Frances Campbell-Preston, the Lady Nicholas Gordon Lennox and Sir Alastair Aird were in anondance.

November 27: Princess Alice, Duch-ess of Gloucester. Honorary Presi-dent, the Somme Association, this afternoon received Dr Ian Adamson

(Secretary/Managing Director).
The Duchess of Gloucester, Patron,
National Asthma Campaign, attended a musical evening at Drapers'

November 27: Princess Alexandra, Patron, this afternoon opened the Arthur Wilson Day Centre of BEN-Motor and Allied Trades Benevolent Fund in Humber Road, Coventry, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of West Midlands (Mr Robert Taylor)

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE

Hall London EC1.

CLARENCE HOUSE

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

November 27: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh this morning visited Radley College and were received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Oxfordshire (Mr Hugo Brunner), the Chairman of Radley College Council (Mr Michael Melluish) and the Warden (Mr

Her Majesty opened Queen's Court science block and, with His Royal Highness, toured the College, at-tended a Service in the Chapel and joined the Warden, masters and boys for Lunch in Hall.

Her Majesty this afternoon visited Berinsfield, Oxfordshire, and was received by the Chairman of South Oxfordshire District Council (Coun-

Oxfordshire District Council (Councillor Kenneth Hall).

The Quoen visited Berinsfield Health Centre, was received by the Senior Partner (Or Timothy Huins) and met other doctors, health visitors, mothers and bables.

Her Majesty later visited Mount Parm Community Education Centre, Berinsfield, was received by the Community Education Organiser (Mr Stephen Reader) and met students and tutors.

dents and tutors.

The Queen afterwards visited Berinsfield County Primary School and was received by the Chairman of Governors (Ms Sheila Croft) and the Headteacher (Mr Michael Taylor).

Her Majesty later visited Abbry Sports Centre, Berinsfield, was re-orived by the Manager (Ms Dinah Boulton) and watched a range of

sports activities.
Her Majesty subsequently visited
St Mary and Si Berin Church,
Berinsfield, and was received by the
Vicar (the Reverend Andrew Tawn). Vicar (the Reverend Andrew Tawn).
In the Church Hall The Queen met
representatives from the Church and
the community of Berinsfield.
The Duke of Edinburgh this afternoon visited RM plc. Milton Park,
near Abingdon, Oxfordshire.
His Royal Highness afterwards
visited Oxford Asymmetry, Milton
Park.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

November 27: The Princess Royal, President, Save the Children Fund.

Birthdays today

Memorial services

Purse, held yesterday at St Andrew-by-the-Wardrobe, London EC4. The

Rev John Paul officiated. Mr Robin Peat and Mr Richard Peat, sons, read

the lessons. Mr John Philip gave an

the lessons. Mr John Philip gave an address. Among others present were Miss Gillian Peat (daughter), Mrs Robin Peat (daughter), Mrs Robin Peat (daughter), Mr Anny Peat, Miss Laura Peat, Mr and Mrs Christian Congler (grandchild-ren), Sir Gerrard Peat, Major Sir Sirane Blewin, Sir John Grareide, Sir Hann Hardcastle, Mr Cohn Sharman (senior periner, KPMG) and Mrs Sharman, Mr Rupert Hambro, Mr TA Tansley, Mr Peter Humpage, Mr Henry Sandford and Mr Jerone Preedmain Irepresenting CABA) and many other friends and colleagues. Mr Alex Mair

The High Sheriff of Durham City

attended a service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Ale: Andrew Muir, former Chief Constable of Durham, held yesterday in Durham Cathedral.

ned yesteroay in Chirnam Cameorai. Canon Dr Martin Kitchen officiated, assisted by Canon Simon Hoare, the Rev Michael Hampel, Precentor, and the Rev John Scorer, Durham

Mr Tom Muir, son, and Mr Derek

Harrison, President of the National Association of Retired Police Officers,

read the lessons. Mr Hugh Belenkin gave a reading and Mr Eddy

Mr Alec Moir

of campaigning and chief agent, Conservative Central Office, 45; the Right Rev M.G. Hare Duke, former Mr Kriss Akabusi, athlete, 39; Miss Flona Armstrong, broadcaster, 41; Sir Gordon Beveridge, former Vice-Chancellor, Queen's University, Belfast, 64; Lady Bottomley, 91; Vice-Admiral Sir David Brown, 70; Mr Geoffrey Clarke, artist and sculptor, 72; Sir David Croam-Johnson, former Lord Justice of Appeal, 83; Mr Alistair Darling, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, 44; Mr F.C.H. du Prez, former rugby player, 62; Mr Terence Frisby, playwright, actor and producer, 65; Mr Tony Garrett, director Bishop of St Andrews, Dunkeld and Dunblane, 72: Lord Macdonald, 50; Mr Keith Miller, former cricketer, 78; General Sir David Mostyn, 69; Miss Dervia Murphy, author, 66; Sir Idris

Pearce, chartered surveyor, 60; Sir fur-pearce, chartered surveyor, 60; Sir Lewis Robertson, industrialist, 75; the Right Rev Patrick Rodger, former Bishop of Oxford, 71; Lieutenani-General Sir Robert Ross, 58; Sir Saxon Tate, former chairman, Lon-don Futures and Options Exchange, 64; Sir Demand Wales, MR 47. 66; Sir Raymond Whitney, M.P. 67.

others present were:
Mrs. Allson. Fisher (daughter). Mr.
Julian Part Islepson). Mrs. Katherine
Odgers (stepdeughter). Lord Barnard.
Councillor: Mr. Joe Know, Councillor Mr Michael Peat, Keeper of the Privy Purse, Treasurer to The Queen and Councillor Mr Joe Know, Councillor Mr Mort's Nicholis, Mr Alan Miller, Mr David Blaisey, Mr Alan Brown, Mr Alec Reanle, Mr Robert Obborn, Mr Thomas Farmer, Mr Dennis Gatiss, Mr Fred Wilson and many other triends and former colleagues. eiver-General of the Duchy of Lancaster, was present at a service of thanksgiving for the life of Sir Henry Pear, chartered accountant and for-

Mr Derek Salbery A service of thanksgiving for the life

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Derek Salberg, Director of the Alexandra Theatre. Birmingham, 1936-77, was held yesterday in Birmingham Cathedral. The Provost of Birmingham officiated.

Miss Fenella Fielding and Mr Wyn Calvin gave readings. Miss Rosemary Leach and Mr Mike Smith, Chairman of Warwickshire County Cricket Club, paid tribute. Mr Peter Tod, Director of the Birmingham Tod. Director of the Birmingham

Margaret Carmichael (née MacKellar)

A service of thanksgiving to celebrate the life of Margaret Car-michael will be held on Tuesday, December 9, 1997, at 1pm at St Col umba's Church of Scotland, Pont Street, London SWI. All are welstreet, Lordon SWI. All are we-tome. To assist with seating and catering please reply as soon as possible to Helen Housley, Hawkwood, Bury Road, London E47QL, phone 0181 529 6500 or fax 0171 247 4989. The following students were called to the Bar yesterday for this Michaelmas Term:

Lincoln's Inn

(Mr Robert Taylor).

Her Royal Highness later opened Helen Ley Court for the Helen Ley Charitable Trust in Bericote Road, Learnington Spa, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lleutenant of Warwickshire (Mr Martin Dunne). Marchant, Deputy Chief Constable

Lecture '

The Bristol Society

Str John Wills, Bt, the President of the Bristol Society, the Lord-Lieutenant of Bristol, the Lord Mayor of Bristol, the High Sheriff

the University of Bristol, the Master of the Society of Merchant

Venturers and the President of the

Chamber of Commerce and Initia-

tive were present at a lecture delivered to the Society by the High Commissioner of Canada.

Mr Roy MacLaren, PC, at the

Mr St John Hartnell, Chairman

of the Society, presided and Jen-nifer Bryant-Pearson, JBP Asso-

ciates Ltd. gave a vote of thanks. JBP Associates Ltd hosted a supper

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Grammar School are invited to

1998 Centenary Year celebrations. Tel 01924 402202, fax 01924 411345.

Council House last night.

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Nijabat, London 217; FHuq. Dhaka.
Bangladeshi: G C Ponnambalam.
Colombo; Tan Teck Klong, Malacca,
Malaysia; S M Veerasamy. Negara
Brunel Darussalam: E Lewis, Sabah,
Malaysia; S M Veerasamy. Negara
Brunel Darussalam: E Lewis, Sabah,
Malaysia; J O'Neili, Douglas,
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Hong Kong: M H Khan, Manikgonj.
Bangladesh: K Sivasubramaniam.
Colombo; M A Chaudhry, Kotil
Azad, Kashmir, Pakistani: A Kee
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Chaudhry, Birmingham; A S Khan.
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Bangladesh: T Dubb, Birmingham;
Lau Wai Hin, Hong Kong; Lin Ping,
London NWR: D A Hyde, London
SWS: R K Young, London NWI; T A
Schinis, Limassoi: G Tan Wei Mann,
Selangor, Malaysia; E Chin Faela,
Lin, Selangor, Malaysia; V J Sutherland, Almorick, Northet: L Borthwick,
Northampton: M Sarai, Huddersfield: S K Josh, Hounslow, Middly. J
Adalkalassamy, Singapore: H Haron,
Selangor, Malaysia; R HusainNewi Zelangor, Malaysia; R HusainKerberitam; G BonhamCarier, Haddenham; G B

Calls to the Bar



The Great Hall at Lincoln's Inn

Middle Temple

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Kaniamuthan s/o Thiruvida Selvan, Kedah, Malaysia; M S Rajendran, Singapore, R W M Sweeting, Nassau, Bebamas; B Kahar Bador, Kuala Lumpur.

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Service dinners

The Royal Dragoon Guards

The annual regimental dinner of The Royal Dragoon Guards was

held last night at the Cavalry and Guards Club. Lieutenant General

Sir Anthony Muliens, Colonel of

Brigadier R.E. Ratazzi, president,

and members of the Movement

Control Officers' Club held their

annual dinner last night at the Union Jack Club. Colonel S.H. Spackman, chairman, presided.

Lord Clinton-Davis, Minister for

Trade, was the principal guest and speaker at the annual dinner of the Danish-UK Chamber of Commerce held last night at the Dorchester hotel. Mr James G.

was the host the Danish

Ambassador and Mine Lønsmann Poulsen were among the guests.

the Regiment, presided.

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Gray's Inn

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Lan, Maiaysia; Yeung S Kwong,
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Hong Kong, H B Parry, Bair, J E
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Kang, Singapore; H R Boileau,
London NW6; T F McGee,
Northalpam; S Ahmad, Singapore; S
W Sin, Hong Kong, E N Oakeshot,
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John, Singapore; D M Ornstein,
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Lord Lang of Monkton was the principal guest at the St Andrew's Day dinner held at the Caledonian

Club last night. Lord Ramssy, president, was in the chair, and the Right Rev Alexander McDonald,

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bly of the Church of Scotland, was

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Mr Geoffrey Bond, Master of the
Glaziers' Company, assisted by
Mr George Cracknell, Upper Warden, and Mr Richard Stone,

Renter Warden, presented the Glaziers' Award for Community

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geant-Major J. Cooper of 104 Detachment Irish Guards of the

South East London ACF at the Installation dinner held last night at Glaziers' Hall. The Master, Professor Sir Michael Bond of

John Vartan and Sir Geoffrey Dear were the speakers. Among

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the Launde Forum UK Dr Rosalind Miles was the principal speaker at Forum UK's annual dinner held last night at Claridge's. Baroness Denon of Wakefield, founder president, and Ms Geraldine Sharpe-Newton.

chairman, also spoke. Insolvency Lawyers' Association The President of the Insolvency Lawyers Association, Mr Graeme Jump, was host at the Association's Amust Dinner held last night at the Victoria & Albert Museum. Professor David Milman delivered Operation of Transactional Avoidance Mechanisms in Corporate Insolvency Practics". Mr Berry Cryer entertained guests after dinner. Mr Brendan, Guilfoyle, Mr David Sapte, Mr Phillip Syca-more, Mr Desmond Flynn and Ms Rebecca Parry were among the

Sternberg Centre for Judaism The Apostolic Nuncio, Archbishop Pablo Puente, was the guest of honour at a dinner held last night at the Sternberg Centre for Juda-ism. Sheikh Dr Zaki Badawi **Forthcoming** marriages

Mr A.G. Arsentt and Miss J.K. Burrage The engagement is announced between Adam, son of Mr and Mrs

M. Arscott, of Kingswood, Surrey, and Io, only daughter of Mr and Mrs K. Burrage, of Rammore Common, Surrey. Mr R.T.J. Bell

and Miss A.M. de Haipert The engagement is announced between Rupert, elder son of Mr and Mrs Julian Bell, of Old Windsor, Berkshire, and Anna. daughter of Commodore and Mrs Jeremy de Halpert, of Froxfield Green, Hampshire. Mr S.A.A. Bennie

and Miss S.L.S. Collings The engagement is announced between Simon, son of the late Mr Hamish Bennie and of Mrs Susan Andrew, of Winchelsea. East Sus-sex, and Saily, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Roger Collings, of Thruston, Herefordshire.

and Dr S.C.B. Fitzpatrick The engagement is amounced between Joe, only son of the lare Mr John Joseph Diver and Mrs Aline Simons, of Thurcroft, South Yorkshire, and Sally, youngest daughter of the late Mr Ivor Fitzpatrick and Mrs. Maureen Fitzpatrick, of Poliokshields. Glasgow.

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and Min G.M.R. Anderson The engagement is announced between Martin George, younger son of Mrs B.M. Duncan and the Son of Mrs S.M. Duncan, MD, of Omagh, Co Tyrone, and Georgina Mary Russell, elder daughter of Lieutenant Colonel R.B. Anderson. OBE, and Mrs Anderson, of

Limington House, Somerset. Mr J.A.G. Elbourne and Mile M.P.G.F. Lepelletier The engagement is announced between Julian, son of the Rev and Mrs Nigel Elbourne, of Odd Rode, Cheshire, and Mathilde, daughter of M and Mme Octava Lepelletier, of Carentan, Normandy. The marriage will take place next September in Carentan. Mr IA. Face 2

and Miss A.F. Rhodes The engagement is amounced between James, younger son of Mr and Mrs M.H. Fawcez, of Chlawick, London, and Arms, only daughter of Continuander M.H. Rhodes; OBE, RN, and Mrs M.H. Rhodes, of Hayling Island. Mr P.J. Gallagher mid Dr P.R. Voule

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Mr J.R.L Gilchrist and Miss S.M. Allan The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs. G.R.I. Gilchrist, of Whitecraigs, Glasgow, and Susan, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs J.G. Allan, of Kirklee, Glasgow. Mr M.H. Grant

and Schoritz M. del Mar Diaz-Rodriguez The engagement is announced between Marcus, eldest son of Dr and Mrs Roderick Grant, of Alderholt Park, Fordingbridge, Hampshire, and Maria del Mar, youngest daughter of Señor and Señora Francisco Diaz-Rodriguez,

of Almeria, Andalucia, Spain. Mr R.T. Martin and Miss A.M. Pryde The engagement is announced between Roddy, son of Mr and Mrs Graham D. Martin, of Rickmansworth, Herifordshire,

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Newman and the late Mrs And Newman and the late tons and Newman, of Bromley, Kent, and Julia (Kate), daughter of the late Mr Raiph Vaughan and of Mrs Raiph Vaughan, of Crowborough. Mr CJ. Perry and Miles F.C. Sword

The engagement is announced between Charles, elder son of Mr and Mrs James Perry, of Highfield Stile, Braintree, Essex, and Favell, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Sword, of Heythrop, Oxfordshire.

Sir Douglas Falconer

The marriage took place on Saturday, November 22, 1997, in the Temple Church, London, of Sir Douglas Palconer and Mrs Con-stance Drew. The Master of the Temple, Canon Robinson, The bride was given in marriage

by her brother, Mr Brian Hutchin-son, CMG.-Mr Ian Falconer was best mun.

: A reception and luncheon was held in the Middle Temple.

Receptions Prouse-British Society Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, accompanied by Poincess Alexandra, attended a reception at St James's Patron of the Franco-British Society, She was received by Str John Fretwell, chairman, and Lady Fretwell, and Mr William Beaumont. vice-chalcusan. The French Ambas-sador, the President of the Associ-ation France-Grande Bretsigne, Paris, the France-Grande Bretsigne, Paris, the France-Grande Bretsigne, Paris, members of France-British groups

were among those present. Sandford & Martin Trust Lord Rees-Moga presented the Supplied St Martin Trust Awards for outstanding religious pro-grammes on relevision in the past two years at a reception and luncheon held yesterday at Lam-beth Palace, by kind permission of the Archbishop of Camerbury, the Most Rev and Right Hon George Leonard Carey, Gerard Mansell, CBE, received the guests. The Chairman of Judges was David

Glencross, CBE. Luncheon

Newspaper Society Newspaper society
The Secretary of State for the Home
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ar a huncheon of the Newspaper
Society at Bloomsbury House yesterday. Mr Chris Oakley, president of
the society, was the host.

Anniversaries BIRTHS: Jean-Baptiste Lully, composer. Florence, 1632: William Blake, poet, engraver and painter, London, 1757: William Proude, naval architect, Dartington, pismist and composer, Moldavia, 1829; Aleksandr Blok, poet, St Petersburg, 1880; Nancy Mitford, novelist and biographer, London,

DEATHS: Gian Bernini, sculptor, Rome, 1680: Enrico Fermi, physicist, Nobel laureate 1938, Chicago, 1954: Richard Wright, novelist, Paris, 1960; Wilhelmina, Queen of The Netherlands 1890-1948, Het Loo, 1962: Rosalind Russell, actress, Beverly Hills, California, 1976.

The Royal Society was founded in London 1660. Sinn Fein was founded in Dublin by Arthur Griffith, 1905. The first Polaroid cameras went on sale in Boston, Massachusetts,

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BOWER - On 24th November 1997 peacefully at home, Mary wife of Graham Bower, Exeter House 5 W15. Cremation at Putney Vale on 4th December 1997 2:30 pm. Flowers for T.H. Smoders, 12-14 Medifield Street, Rochampton SW15. No Jectuss please.

EARRON - Edward William (SiII) aged 64 years. Pessed away at his home in Brockenhurst on 26th November 1997. Dearset Husband of Norma Dayr Ded of David and Fugl. Devoted Grandad to Sarah and Kieran. Will be greatly missed by all his facily and friends. Puncial Survice at Soursemouth Crematorium on Wednesday, 3rd. December at 1 pm. No thowars places, dogstions if wished to Cakhaven Hospico, co Dismond 2 Son Funeral Directors, Lymington, 5041 9DK.

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EDEN-GREEN - Alan died guddenly and without poin on 24th November. Sadly missed by Winfred, family and many friends. Frivate funeral. A Memorial Celebration will be announced later. Family flowers only where. flowers only please.
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EDWARDS - Sheila Joan, EPWARDS - Shells Joan, peacefully at Brighton Gensual Hospital, Brighton en Sunday 23rd November 1997. Beloved sunt to Rath Campbell Jenkins, Cremation at the South Chapel, Woodvale Lodge, Lewes Boad, Brighton, East Sunsex on Friday 5th December 1997 at 12.15 pm. At Shella's request, the funcal will be private and there shall be no flowers.

FALK - John October 23rd aged 87, Inthurine November 24th aged 86, both peacefully at home in Wiltshire. Much loved by wide circle of žemly and friends. Funeral forms Poundation, or flowers if desheds either ofo F. Cuntis & Son, 11 Fortway, Warminster, Wilts. BA12 8GG. 01965 212033.

FILSON - Indith Hemiesta (nie Greig) of Richmond, Survey, on 25th November. Widow of (1) Georg von Walkenstain und Markegy (filed Dacksus 1938), and (2) Andrew Filson, Will be sorely missed by all her family and friends. Funeral at Mortizake Crematorium at 11.30 am Friday 5th December. John Eisten on November 26th at home aged 54 after a coungeous right. Beloved husband of Sunana and daddy of James, David and Catherina Dearson of Jans, and the late John Lawrence Gardsner of left. Eliza, Australia. Service to be hald at St Peter's Church, Leighau Court Ecod, Streatham, London on Monday ist December at 3pm. Donations if desired to 3t Christophar's Hoogles, Lawie Park Ecod, London St24.

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SCULLY - Ann OSE died Kovember 22nd 1997, Huch hoved and forever missed mother to Clare, Nick and Fetz, von-in-law Mack and grandmother to Dominic, Alex and Emily, Fancesi Sewice of St. Tomone. Alex and Emfly, Paneral Service at St Thomas à Becket R.C. Church, Tarporley, on Monday Ist December 1997 at 230 pm followed by interment to St Andrew's Churchyard, Tarvia. Donations may be sent to Catherinidge Cancer Research Trust, Cinterforlege Road, Behington, Wirml L63 407. Engeldes to TR. Lightfoor & Sons, Fathard Directors, Tarporley, Tel: 01829 733508. SMERIAN - Joyousky, on 25th November 1997 - her 95th Investmer 1997 - her 95th Inthday - Kathleen, beloved widow of Engens, dearest mother of Michael, Paul (deceased, Vincent, Electhon, Mauren, John, Fuckich and Angeln and surch loved grandmother of their many children, Bequiem Mass at St. Edward's Chunch, 700 Finchley Ecod, London NWII at 12 mom on Princy 5th December, Flowers if wished to A. France at 85m, 45 Lendon WCIN 3NH or densitions to the St Vincent de Paul Society, Damescas Equat. The Ridgeway, London RWY 1EL Tel 0181 906 1339.

SMITH-Murial Annia, aged 84. Suddenly in London on Tuesday, 18th November. Dear sister of Beatrice Folland and much leved munit and great-munt. Widow of John. Her many friends will remember her with gratitude. Setvice of Insalagiving at the Royal Foundation of St Kashadae, Butchers Row, London, E14, on Priday 5th December at 2pm, following a private cremation. He flowers please, but donations to The Royal Mospitals Trust for the Chapitalony at The Royal London Hospital may be sent to T. Crith & Sons, Victoria House, 10 Woolwich Manor Way, Seckton, London, E5 424, tak 0171-476 1855, to whom any enquiries should be directed.

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MAJOR-GENERAL IAN CAMPBELL

Major-General lan Campbell, CBE, DSO and bar, Commandant of the Royal Australian Military College: Duntroon, 1954-57, died on October 31 aged 97, He was born in New South Wales on March 23 1900.

an Campbell won two DSOs in the first six months of 1941: the first at Bardia during Wavell's Western Desert offensive against the Italians, the second for the successthe shanding came a ful defence of Rethymon airfield on Cress against the overwhelming Ger-man parachute invasion of the island. minima intends to make the make the make at Hadfield Hook the make which ended in the surrender of his mixed Australian and Cretan force owing to the order for the evacuation of the island never reaching him. He and his Australian men spent the next four and the femoral years as prisoners of war in Germany. It was little comfort to them that Hitler never authorised another major parachute descent after the losses sustained

At Bardia in January, Campbell was the Brigade Major of 16th Australian Infantry Brigade in the 6th Australian Division, when it was ordered to And the process of th breach the strong perimeter defences of the fortress after the Italian defeat at the battle of Sidi Barrani a few weeks earlier. He was not only the principal planner of the assault, but personally carried out the vital night patrols across the desert to mark, under the very noses of the Italians, the assault troops' start-line and axis of advance to the point selected for breaching. His first DSO came as a reward for his part in the fall of the fortress and the capture of 40,000 Italian prisoners.

Three weeks later his brigade successfully repeated the operation at the much more formidable fortress of Tobruk Then continuing the advance westwards, 6th Australian Division took Benhazi while 7th Armoured Division cut the coast road south of the city and put the rest of the Italian 10th Army "in the bag" at the decisive battle of Beda Fomm. No sooner was the Cyrenaican campaign won than 6th Australian Division was on its way to Greece and Campbell was promoted to command 2nd/lst Australian Infantry Battalion in 16th Brigade.

After the British withdrawal from the Aliakmon Line in Greece and the evacuation to Crete, Campbell was given command of the Australian,



British and Greek (Cretan) troops holding the Rethymon airfield. He had about three weeks to establish a close rapport with his three Cretan battalions, the local Cretan village mayors and the people of the Rethymon district, and to organise its defences.

The main German parachute assault on Crete started early on May 20, but the landings at Rethymon did not begin until the late afternoon. These were by 1,600 paratroopers of Colonel Sturm's para regiment, many of whom were shet on their way down. Colonel Storm and his staff were captured on landing, and during the next ten days'

fighting, Campbell's men took 529 paratroop prisoners and killed another 900 of Sturm's assault force.

Things had not gone so well in the west, where the loss of Malame airfield enabled the Germans to land major reinforcements. The British evacuation was ordered on May 27, but by then Campbell's force had been cut off and orders to withdraw to the south coast did not reach him.

At 8.15am on May 30, Campbell walked down onto the airfield with a white towel on a stick and surrendered his force as the German tanks ap-proached from the west. No one could have done more without useless loss of Australian and Cretan life. News of his second DSO reached him in a German prison camp, and the Greek Government appointed him a Knight Commander of the Royal Greek Order of the Phoenix. A plaza, an avenue and a park in Rethymon are named after him.

Ian Ross Campbell was the younger son of a Sydney barrister. He was educated at Scots College, Sydney, and the Royal Military College, Duntroon. where he won the Sword of Honour, which is now carried by his grandson.

Commissioned in 1923, he saw service in India with Royal Scots Fusiliers at Slaikot and on the North West Frontier, including the Khyber Pass. Returning to Australia in 1927, he spent seven years with the Sydney University Regiment and was appointed tonorary ADC to the Governor of New South Wales. In 1936, he came to England for the first time, where he went to the Staff College, Camberley. At the outbreak of war, he was appointed Brigade Major of 16th Australian Brigade.

When he returned to Australia after the war, his four years in prison camps affected him neither professionally nor personally. He was given a series of key military appointments: deputy adjutant general, largely responsible for demobilisation of wartime units and reorganisation of the regular force; director of the Army training component in Japan and Korea during the Korean War; commandant of the Australian Staff College; and finally Commandant of the Royal Military College, Duntroon. In 1954 he was appointed CBE. Retiring from the Army in 1957, he

spent ten years in industry. His experience in prison camps had made him a great admirer of the Red Cross, and so for the following decade he worked on a voluntary basis as chairman of the New South Wales division of the Red Cross. And in 1994 the Returned Services League of Australia made him honorary vice-chairman for life. He remained the devoted servant of the Queen, Australia and the Australian Army.

In 1927 he married Patience Allison Russell, who died in 1961. They had one daughter. His second marriage was dissolved after two years, and in 1967 he married Irene Cardamatis, who died in 1996.

JIM MILLER

Jim Miller, industrialist salmon fisherman und campaigner against European integration. died on November 12 aged 73. He was born on June 19, 1924.

AS WELL as being a chartered engineer and a successful company executive, Jim Milier was involved in many business associations, and spent much of his time warning colleagues that their interests would not be served by submitting to plans for European harmonisation. He was also a notable fisherman and conservationist, who did much to maintain and improve the quality of salmon fishing in the Borders.

James Derrick Miller was born into a mining family in South Yorkshire. After grammar school he won a state scholarship to Clare College, Cambridge, in 1942 to read natural sciences. However, he left Cambridge after a year and volunteered for the Navy, and served out the war doing research at the Royal Naval Signals School.

In 1945, with vast numbers of people wishing to go back up to Cambridge, he chose instead to go to Sheffield University, where he took a degree in mechanical engineering. After some placements as a graduate trainee, he moved south to the Midlands to join AIC, which was then the leading firm of management consultants in the area. He soon established a reputation for incisive and logical thinking, backed by determined implementation.

In 1963 a consultancy assignment at the Harris & Sheldon Group, a Midlands conglomerate, led to his being offered the job of chief executive at the age of 39. He subsequently became executive chairman in 1965, remaining in that job until his death. in 1981 he was in the vanguard of the management buyout movement when he and his co-directors converted Harris



& Sheldon to a private company.

Miller was also chairman of two other companies, Antler plc until 1989, and Wassall plc. However, since he was an enthusiastic fisherman, the company that gave him most fun was Hardy's, the leading fishing-tackle manufacturer. which he bought in 1967, when the business was experiencing difficulties. He managed to improve Hardy's position, and today it is flourishing again. The salmon fishing which was acquired as an adjunct of the company - including the famous Junction Pool beat on the Tweed - gave great pleasure to him, his family and many guests, who included figures from the sporting and business worlds such as Jim Slater, Ian

Botham and Jack Charlton. As a passionate believer in conservation, Miller was among the leaders of the movement to buy out salmon fishing netsmen in the estuaries of the Tay and the Tweed, and he was perhaps the first to encourage the return of out-ofcondition autumn fish to the rivers to conserve stocks — a practice that is becoming widespread.

He was an instinctive believer in free markets, and a supporter from the first of the Institute of Economic Affairs. The almost perfect coincidence of names of his company Harris & Sheldon with Ralph Harris and Arthur Seldon was a longstanding joke between

Miller was an active supporter of the Conservative Party, although from the 1960s he was a constant and vociferous opponent of British membership of the Common Market and then of the European Union. He spoke often and vehemently against what he saw as the progressive erosion of Parliament's power to govern, and was a private sponsor of many of the different groups that have campaigned against it, including the Euro-pean Research Group, the Bruges Group and the European Foundation. In his last days he was pleased that the new Conservative leader who had attended the same school in Yorkshire - had taken a firmer stand against total monetary integration.

He married Florence Elliott in 1947. She survives him, along with their daughter and IWO SONS.

MOHAMMAD-ALI JAMALZADEH

Mohammad-Ali Jamabadeh, Iranian writer and political

thinker, died in Genevi on November 8, aged 105. He was born in Infalian on January 13, 1892. THOUGH he dismissed the

claim, Mohammad-Ali Jamalzadeh was often described as he father of modern Persian tiction". He certainly made success of the genre, and his style was widely emulated. He addressed himself to the daily problems of the urban poor and the peasantry. and he avoided the use of complex phrases borrowed from the Azerbaijani Turkish of the Caucasus, prevalent among the aristocratic writers of his time, when simple Persian equivalents were available.

He was a prominent activist in the parliamentary reform movement of the first two decades of this pentury, despite his youth. This was largely due to the execution of his father by the penultimate. Russian-backed Kajar monarch. Shah Mohammad-Ali, in the civil war of 1905-11.

spent in Europe. Jamalzadeh's father was the

influential Shia cleric of Isfahan Jamal ed Din Hama dani, who — unimaginably—nowadays — sent his son to a desuit school in Beirut and agitated for a liberal constitution. In 1910 Jamalzadeh went to Paris, and four years later he obtained a degree in law from the University of Dijon and married his first wife, Josephine, a Swiss subject. In 1915, while several regions of neutral Iran were occupied by Russia, Britain and Ottoman Turkey, Jamalzadeh returned to the western city of Kerman- men was the preference of shah and formed a small army of Kurds to fight the allies, but he was soon forced to abandon the venture and went to Berlin at the start of

his permanent settlement in Europe In the German capital he fell under the influence of such Iranian intellectuals as Hassan Taghizadeh, a future leader of the Senete in Tehran under the last Shah, and concluded that one of the illiteracy of his fellow country-



their educated elite to write only for one another, "whereas in the civilised countries, even great thinkers try to write their works in as simple a language as possible".

The result was a series of innovative short stories published by Taghizadeh in his emigré magazine Kaveh, eventually formed which Jamaizadeh's first book, Yekki Bood, Yekki Nabood ("One Person Was, One Person Was reasons for the widespread. Nor'), the title being the traditional opening of Persian

fairytales. While some critics in Iran denounced the conversational style as a degradation of literary tradition, others hailed it as the beginning of a new era. Jamalzadeh was now launched on his prolific career as a writer of short stories, novels, political tracts and histories.

For many years, Jamal-zadeh earned his living as a teacher of Persian literature to foreign students, and as Iran's representative to the International Labour Organisation in Geneva. He visited Tehran regularly, but never seriously considered a political career there.

A blemish on his last decade was remarks in support of the Islamic revolution of 1979. which saddened many of his liberal admirers; but he remained otherwise in charge of his mind to the last. A few months ago in his Geneva nursing home, he complained to a visitor that death had kept him waiting too long. "Why am I not dying?" he asked.
"All have gone and I'm still here. I no longer understand people!" His two wives predeceased him.

LEGAL NOTICES

Shake Keane, jazz trumpeter and poet, died in Bergen, Norway, on November 10 aged 70. He was born in St Vincent, West Indies, on

May 30, 1927. NOT only was Shake Keane

movement By the mid 1960s Keane's

formidable abilities as a trum-

peter competent in many styles had taken him into the

that Ellsworth McGranahan Keane, one of seven children, would become a musician, but

NO CRITICISM OF ART

NEW NAZI DECREE

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

Dr. Goebbels, the Propaganda Minister.

announced at the Chamber of Culture that he had issued instructions forbidding from to-day

criticism of works of art, literature, music, and

drama. The veto extends also to State stage, cinema and concert performances and the artists engaged. The place of criticism is to be taken by objective analysis and description. It

is understood that the commentator will not be

permitted to say that a work of art or a performance is either good or bad.

refuge of free opinion in Germany. It has,

however, been a narrow one for some time

past, critics having learned that they are not

tree to write on works of art without reference

to the political, cultural, and racial values of

The Chamber of Culture held its sitting

joinity with representatives of the "Strength through joy" organization of the Labour Front, as a practical expression of the National-

list idea that art should derive its

National-Socialism.

With this order Dr. Goebbels storms the last

BERLIN, Nov. 27

"STRENGTH THROUGH JOY"

the most brilliant trumpeter and flugelhorn player of his generation of London-based West Indian musicians, he was also a prizewinning poet and an educator. For British lazz his importance began with his associations in the early 1960s with the alto saxophonist Joe Harriott, with whom he pioneered a highly original and idiosyncratic brand of free improvisation, and with the planist Michael Garrick, for whom Keane was an enthusiastic collaborator in the "Poetry and Jazz"

world of commercial recording. He cut three albums of pop songs and ballads, accom-panied by Ivor Raymonde's orchestra and the Reating Sound, before joining Kurt Edelhagen's German Radio Orchestra. Among his final jazz recordings were the LPs Sax No End and Out of the Folk Bag, cut in Cologne by the Kenny Clarke/Francy Boland Band in 1967. Here Keane found himself alongside the American expatriates Benny Bailey and Idrees Sulieman and the Scottish trumpeter Jimmy Deuchar, probably the most accomplished trumpet section in jazz at the time, in what was universally regarded as Europe's leading big band. There were early signs

SHAKE KEANE



he came to jazz relatively late. He had music lessons from his father, playing in public from a young age and leading his first band soon after his father's death in 1940, but the music he grew up playing was the West Indian popular music of the day. He was equally involved in the study Highlife. of literature, acquiring his nickname as a corruption of "Shakespeare" on account of his abilities as a poet. He worked as a teacher before coming to London in 1952, where he read English at London University.

As a student he financed

himself by playing the trum-pet. Mambos and calypsos, he told a friend, were preferable

to manual labour, desoite the frilly shirts and maracas. Keane was, however, so outstanding a musician that he was soon in demand in a variety of styles, and he began recording under his own name as early as 1954, when he cut his first disc, Trumpet

The drummer there was the mercurial Phil Seamen, who shared both Keane's precocious talents as an instrumentalist and a self-destructive compulsion. Seaman's life was destroyed by drugs; Keane's was threatened by an inner restlessness that was apparent throughout his life.

Although Keane worked with several musicians whose

main interest was jazz, he met most of them playing other styles of music — from Ghanaian highlife and Nigerian drumming to his native calyp-sos — and it took a meeting with the bassist Coleridge Goode to introduce Keane to jazz. Through Goode he joined Joe Harriott's band, although coincidentally he had already interviewed Harriott for the BBC World Service's Caribbean Voices programme, on which he worked by virtue of his reputation as a poet.

Harriott's Quintet offered Keane a musical challenge equal to his abilities and formidable intelligence, while in Michael Garrick's group he briefly found the ideal union of poetry and music. He played in both bands until 1965, when he moved to Germany. In 1972 he returned to St

Vincent and, having been one of his island's principal cultural exports, he was given a post in the Department of Culture. Neither this nor a subsequent return to teaching lasted long, aithough he produced his best-known poetry during the late 1970s. In 1980 he moved to the United States. settling in Brooklyn, where he worked inconspicuously in the local West Indian community. For a decade he barely touched flugelhorn, until he returned successfully to playing in 1989 in the Caribbean and in Britain.

He played very little after that, occasionally dusting off his horns for an overseas trip. especially to Norway, where his friend Erik Bye encouraged him to work from time to time. He was on just such a visit, to appear at a fundraising event for cancer relief. when his own undiagnosed cancer finally surfaced.

Shake Keane is survived by three sons.

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ON THIS DAY

November 28, 1936 **地震**

"Art," said Goebbels in 1936, "would suffer no loss by the disappearance of the critic." For the bitter anti-Semite. culture must be the expression of National-Socialist values.

inspiration from the national ideals and characteristics, and exist not for art's sake, but to serve the interests of State and nation.

*In a time such as ours (Dr. Goebbels said) which demands the utmost energy, endurance, and nerve, it is the special mission of the artist tirelessly to communicate to the nation strength through joy." He then referred to the difficulties in the way of a unified, culturalpolitical line, as he called it, and in this compexion concentrated on artistic criticism. which in spite of all efforts still bore characteristics of the liberalistic Jewish period.

"The presumptuous know-betters", he said.

"who to-day through eternal grumbling per-secute the up-building of our cultural and artistic life with their unharmonious accompaniment are only the hidden successors of this Jewish autocracy of criticism."
Every effort has been made to get them to reform, Dr. Goebbels adds, but in vain.

YOUNGSTERS' CRITICISM Dr. Goebbels then announced his prohibition It did not mean, he said, the suppression of freedom of opinion, but only those might publish their opinions who had a free opinion of their own and were qualified by their knowledge, accomplishments, and abilities to sit in judgment on others who appealed to the

public with imaginative work.

"Recently in Berlin we have seen how 22year-old youngsters have drawn swords against accomplished artists 40 or 50 years of age and famous throughout the world, without showing a sign of expert knowledge in their criticisms. They ought to take as a first exercise the description of a work of art.

It could not be tolerated that, while in everything else the Führer's great constructive work was warmly supported by public opinion, artists of all people, should be the last victims of free cripcism.

For the rest, said Dr. Goebbels, art would suffer no loss by the disappearance of the critic.

NEWS

MPs attack Blair on Formula One

Tony Blair came under renewed pressure over the Formula One affair as two Commons committees - both Labour dominated - strongly criticised his decision to exempt motor racing from the tobacco sponsorship ban.

The Commons health and European legislation committees rushed out reports seriously questioning the Prime Minister's justification for the special treatment - the first time the Government has faced select-committee criticism.......Page 1

Guinness casts cloud over City

Inspectors from the Department of Trade and Industry accuse the main players in the Guinness affair of "an enterprise of deception" in their report, published ten years after it was commissioned. Although further prosecutions are unlikely, the report cast a cloud over City practices... ...Page l

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A convicted rapist accused of harassing a woman from prison with letters and phone calls was given permission to sue her for libel for writing to the police about his behaviour....... Page I

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City experts should be recruited to trace millions of pounds hidden by criminals, Sir Geoffrey Dear, an Inspector of Constabulary and a former Chief Constable, said.....Page 3

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An obsession with healthy eating. exercise and vegetarianism is fuelling the growth of anorexia and bulimia among teenage girls, the director of a specialist clinic told headmistresses.....

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The Princess Royal's appeal for Britannia to be scuttled and not preserved as a tourist attraction has left the Government - which had decided scrapping the yacht would cause public outrage - in

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A leading member of Binyamin Netanyahu's Likud party backed the creation of a limited Palestinian state in a new challenge to the Israeli Prime Minister.... Page 15 Transplant plea

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Rock music at Hutchence funeral

A distraught Paula Yates, cradling their 16-month daughter, said goodbye to Michael Hutchence - who died at the weekend aged 37 — at a moving and sombre but colourful funeral, which included rock music, in Sydney. Thousands of INXS fans stood outside and another 1.200 mourners had seats inside St Andrew's Cathedral



Dr Heena Patel, accompanied by her husband, Dr Paul Oliver, and their sons, was one of hundreds of Ugandan Asians at a service in Westminster Abbey yesterday to commemorate the silver jubilee of their arrival in Britain. Page 10

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Either a minimum wage does little harm, but little good; or it risks harming the very poorest, those

Open season

Deployment of logic by supporters of hunting should be matched by a sensitivity to the concerns of their

Hague's gender gap

If women had always voted the same way as men. Britain would have had many more Labour governments. The gender gap is crucial to the Tories

MATTHEW PARRIS

Bruce Anderson, the political editor of The Speciator, wrote The Times a courteous letter putting the case for decisive action to settle the Tory course at once in a Eurosceptic direction. If there are some who are reluctant to march, he said, it is better they leave now. His argument is powerful, rational and profoundly unwise ____Page 22

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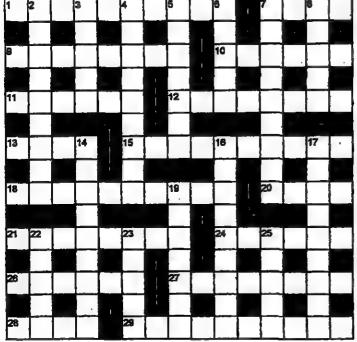
Plexibility is one of the great words of the millennium's end. We know it is in some way right, as a signifier of the end of an era in which places were, for a time, known and in which classes were, though never static, defined...... ..Page 22

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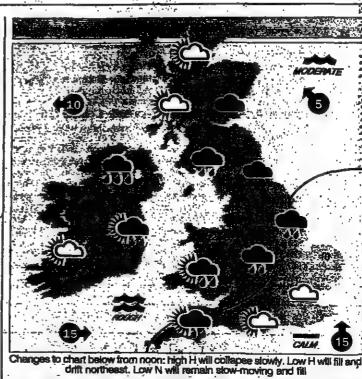


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FRIDAY NOVEMBER 28 1997

BZW sale leaves Barclays with £1bn hangover



Taylor: £150m for CSFB

BARCLAYS has been forced to retain BZW's exposure to a £1 billion legal action under the terms of the E100 million sale of the securities operation to CSFB, the Swiss

The case arises from BZW's work for British & Commonwealth Holdings, the finance group that crashed 1990 when it bought Atlantic Computers, the leasing group, two years prior to that.

Earlier this month CSFB agreed to pay £100 million for BZW, though Martin Taylor, Barclays chief exec-

utive, allowed CSFB to keep £150 million of capital which Barclays had put into the broking operation. Meanwhile, talks on the sale of NatWest Markets, the broking side of NatWest Group, to Bankers Trust

and Deutsche Morgan Grenfell, are

said to be close to conclusion, with a £200 million deal expected to be

announced as early as today. The Atlantic Computers action, which involves a whole raft of City advisers, accountants, lawyers and former directors of B&C, is not due

to come to court before 2000. BZW advised B&C on the £550 million deal to buy Atlantic, which

leases, many of which were found to be unviable after B&C bought the

Atlantic went into administration on Easter Sunday 1990, dragging B&C down with it a few weeks later in one of the biggest financial collapses in British history. The running of both Atlantic and B&C have been investigated by the Department of Trade & Industry, which recommended that a num-ber of B&C directors were disqualified.

John Gunn, the former chairman of B&C, has vowed to fight the

continues working in the City. However, the cloud over him prevented Mr Gunn joining the board of Chelsea Village, the AIM-listed group that owns Chelsea, the Pre-

miership football club. The BZW director who led the team that advised B&C has long since left the bank, Richard Heley joined Hill Samuel in the early 1990s and is now working at Charterhouse, the merchant bank. He is expected to be a key witness if

the case comes to court. John Soden, a partner at Price more than 30 parties in a myriad of cross action with the total liabilities now standing at more than £1 billion. BZW is one of the largest defendants in the case and its liability, if proven, could be more

than £200 million.
The Atlantic case follows HSBC Holdings being forced to pay £176 million to the creditors of B&C in an action that resulted from its pur-chase of Midland Bank.

Samuel Montagu, the merchant banking arm of Midland, has advised Quadrex, a financial services group, on a deal with B&C.

P&O set to

unveil link

in bulk

shipping

P&O, the shipping and construction conglomerate, is

poised to unveil a joint venture partner for its bulk shipping division aimed at cutting the level of investment needed.

The move, expected to be

welcomed by the City, was first

signalled in March last year

when Lord Sterling of Plai-

stow, chairman, unveiled a big

deck-clearing exercise aimed at

There had been suggestions that P&O might withdraw

from bulk shipping altogether, but bringing in a joint-

venture partner will satisfy

concerns about the amount of

investment that the business

swallows. The agreement with

the unnamed partner will

mean that P&O no longer has

to pump any of its own capital

Another main plank of Lord

Sterling's strategy will come to

fruition next month when

Bovis Homes is floated on the

stock market, although latest

indications suggest that the

mooted £250 million valuation

may be optimistic.

There have also been suggestions that P&O is close to

selling the Arndale shopping

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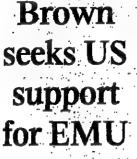
Chief's apology George Mathewson, chief

executive of Royal Bank of Scotland, apologised to customers for the problems of which RBS administers in a joint venture. Page 29, Tempus 30

Tribunal clash

The battle between Sir Desmond Pitcher, outgoing chairman of United Utilities, and Brian Staples, the chief executive he ousted in the summer, is set to be replayed next month at a Manchester industrial dential for about £300 million. | Page 28

during the course of the bid, but was not promised the indemnities or success fees that were part of the illegal support operation of the



PROM OLIVER AUGUST IN NEW YORK

GORDON BROWN will make his first trip to Wall Street as Chancellor next month in an attempt to win support from the New York financial community for his plans to take Britain into EMU.

Mr Brown is aiming to squash growing scepticism in some parts of the American business community that could undermine the sterling exchange rate in the run up to EMU

In a speech to the British-American Chamber of Commerce in New York next Friday he will outline the Government's preparations for EMU and the start of a single currency within the European

UK officials in New York said the attitude of most US businessmen to. EMU was positive, but they have been shaken by a number of attacks on the single currency in recent weeks. The Wall Street visit by Mr Brown is aimed at "nipping Ameri-can Euro-scepticism in the

butt". Martin Feldstein, a Pro-

fessor of Economics at Harvard, said in the latest issue of the influential Foreign Affairs periodical, that monetary and political union would make another war in Europe more likely, not less. He wrote: "The American ex-perience with the secession of the South may contain some lessons about the danger of a treaty or constitution that has no exits."

Wall Street has for years been encouraging Europe to proceed with monetary union. The major US banks expected that EMU will give them new opportunities to earn to fees: 🛷 To gain prime time tele-vision coverage of the visit, top US spin doctors will advise Mr Brown's advisers, among them Burson-Marsteller, a Wall Street public relations company.

DTI doubted Mayhew on Guinness evidence

INSPECTORS for the Depariment of Trade and Industry investigating Guin-ness's takeover of Distillers did not believe some of the evidence they received from David Mayhew, a senior partner in Cazenove, the most blue-blooded of City stockbrokers.

In the much-delayed report into Guinness's 25 billion takeover of Distillers in 1986, released yesterday. David Donaldson, QC, and Ian Watt also question Mr Mayhew's judgment in tactics he used to help Guinness to defeat Ar-gyll, the rival bloder in the takeover battie:

This forms part of the DTI inspectors' damning indict-. ment of the integrity of the City. In the report, which is much watered down from interim drafts that circulated the City a few years ago, the inspectors say these features shine disturbingly through Firstly, the cynical disregard

of laws and regulations; secondly, the cavalier misuse of company moneys; thirdly, a contempt for truth and common honesty: all these in a part of the City which was thought respectable."

In taking evidence, the inspectors "were faced constantly with untruthful, incomplete and sharply conflicting testimony."
The evidence of Mr May-

hew, who once faced a criminal prosecution for his role in the Gumness affair, is bought into question over the extent of Cazenove's freedom to buy E25-million of Guinness shares on behalf of J Rothschild Holdings, an investment firm headed by Lord Rothshild. The inspectors say the account from Rothschild's executives "is closer to the true picture". "Cazenove were in practice masters of a formidable reserve of purchase power en-trusted to them by JRH," the

report says. JRH spent £28.7

million on Guinness shares

Guinness share price. The payment of indeminites led to the conviction of Gerald Ronson, one of the largest of Guinness's supporters, along with Ernest Saunders, the company's former chief executive, Jack Lyons and Anthony Parnes, two of the advisers who helped it up. The share prices of Guinness and Argyll were

vital to their hopes of success because shares formed a large part of the consideration they were offering to shareholders in Distillers.

volved in a scheme to drive down the Argyll share price by selling a stake held by another Guinness supporter at strategically sensitive moments. The inspectors say they are "dis-turbed" by this strategern and query whether it would be within the spirit of the City

Despite such remarks. Mark Loveday, Cazenove's senior partner, said the report is consistent with everything that was ever said on this issue". He added: "There is no criticism, and no suggestion of wrong-doing, either by the firm or David Mayhew."

The report's harshest criticism of individuals is reserved for Mr Saunders.

The inspectors find that Mr Saunders was fully aware of the illegal support activities, and the subsequent payments of £3.35 million to Mr. Parnes ("breathtakingly high"), 53 million to Jack Lyons and 52 million to Tom Ward, an American director of Guinness still wanted for arrest in the UK. Mr Saunders was to have himself received a £3 million success fee, the

report concludes.

The Takeover Panel, the Securities and Futures Authority and others are examining the report to see whether further action needs to be taken. However, it is thought unlikely that action will be taken against individuals.



The harshest criticism is reserved for Ernest Saunders, then Guinness's chief executive



David Mayhew's judgment in tactics used during the battle is questioned by the report

Independent taxing of couples may end

By CAROLINE MERRELL AND ALASDAIR MURRAY

INDEPENDENT tax treatment of husband and wives is ning a complete overhaul of threatened under plans un-veiled by the Chancellor this week for reforming the tax and benefit regime.

It could herald a return to a system where husbands and wives are treated as one income unit for taxation. However, a Treasury

spokesman said the Government had no set plans to end independent assessment of income tax. Implementation of the new scheme was still rails would not be ready until the spring Budget . "We are aiming to make the benefits more work-oriented, but the test is whether it is effective and efficient," he said.

The Government is planthe present system of family credit, which is paid as a benefit to families with income of less than £77 a week. It plans to replace family credit with a tax credit system, similar to the one in America. Around £2 billion a year is paid out in family credit and it

is worth an average of £57 a week for families that claim. Under a revised family tax credit system, workers will receive the benefit in the form under discussion and full de- of tax relief. Gordon Brown said yesterday: "We want to look at how we can help more low-paid workers to gain benefits from their work."

UK 'will ride out Far East turmoil'

By Alasdair Murray and Richard Miles

EDDIE GEORGE, the Governor of the Bank of England, yesterday expressed confidence that the UK would ride out the crisis in the financial markets in the Far East and that Japan would be able to restore confidence to its battered banking sector.

Mr George admitted there was a risk that the UK economy could be hit by damaging fallout from the problems in Japan and South Korea, but he said both countries appeared to be taking positive action.

He added: "Japan has the capacity to resolve its own problems. In the last couple of weeks the Government has shown it is prepared to let banks go into liquidation and

stand behind their liabilities." Yasuda, the Japanese trust bank whose credit rating was downgraded earlier this week, said yesterday that it would shed nearly 600 jobs as

part of a restructuring plan. The bank said it planned to raise Y100 billion (£500 million) of capital through the issue of new shares and the sale of its head office. It will also transfer its brokerage business to Fuji Securities. Yamaichi, the broker that

collapsed under £15 billion of debt, has appointed of DLJ nance in both areas. Phoenix, a specialist corporate finance adviser, to find a

DLJ said that Yamaichi had already received approaches from international groups.

Battle asks EU to refer Redland bid

BY CHIUS AYRES

JOHN BATTLE, Minister for Science, Energy and Industry, yesterday asked the European Commission to refer Lafarge's £1.8 billion agreed takeover bid for Redland, the building materials group, to the UK authorities.

His decision is believed to be related to Lafarge's ownership of Enemix, a ready-mix concrete business with operations in Norwich and Leicester. The French group admitted that the takeover would give it market domi-

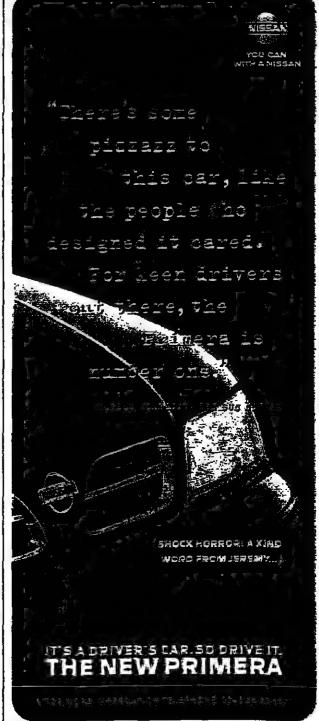
Lafarge yesterday saw accentances for its bid, which it increased on Wednesday to £1.8 billion to gain a recommendation, pass 50 per cent of Redland's shares, and

shrugged off the threat posed by the investigation. However, it admitted the competition

authorities could force it to sell Enemix, but added that a less radical solution was more likely to be found. Analysts were initially baffled by Mr Battle's statement,

as Redland's share of the ready-mix concrete market is known to be only about 10 per cent. Shares in the company dipped slighly in the morning. but closed 22 p up at 342p as confidence in the deal grew. Lafarge also revealed yes-

terday that it had purchased more than 30 per cent of Redland after raising its offer price, and said its 345p per share offer was conditional on



Asia turmoil may hit

us, says Euromoney

SHARES in Euromoney Publications, the publishing group that recently bought *Institutional Investor* in the United States for £85 million, dropped by 35p, to £16.85, after the company gave warning that the turmoil in Asian markets

Richard Ensor, the managing director of Euromoney, said: This is not a profits warning. We do not make any forecasts.

It was a pretty obvious statement to make, we have no idea

how the Asian market is going to pan out. All our products are capable of switching focus to other parts of the world."

The statement from Euromoney came as the company

reported a 19 per cent increase in its pre-tax profits for the year to September 30, rising from £25.5 million to £30.3

million and significantly above the City's expectations.

Turnover was up by 25 per cent, from £104 million to £131

million, and earnings per share were up by 19 per cent, from 75.93p to 90.25p. A final dividend of 33p, rising from 32p, will be paid on January 26, taking the total dividend for the year to 51p, increased from 46p.

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Directors' pay up 8.6%

DIRECTORS last year got an average 8.6 per cent more in pay packages than in 1995. According to Monks Partnership, the

remuneration consultancy, basic salaries rose 6.3 per cent. For

financial businesses the basic rise was 7.4 per cent, while the

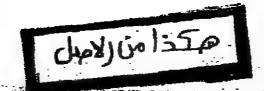
full package rose 11.3 per cent. For property companies the

basic increase was 4.1 per cent, while total earnings jumped

10.3 per cent. In industrial and commercial companies the rises were 6.8 per and 7.6 per cent. Twelve board directors earned more than £1 million, compared with seven the previous year.

Licence for Atlantic

could affect its next year's results.



Round two of Staples and Pitcher fight

By CHRISTINE BUCKLEY, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

THE dispute between Sir Desmond Pitcher, outgoing chairman of United Utilities and Brian Staples, the chief executive he ousted in the summer, is set to be replayed next month at a Manchester industrial tribunal.

Derek Green, the new chief executive, said the company intended to fight vigorously the claims of unfair dismissal from Mr Staples, who is to become chief executive of

Amey in the new year. Mr Staples is claiming more than El million in compensation. Mr Green said: suggestion that Brian's depar-ture was the result of a personality clash with Des-mond Pitcher was a

Mr Staples was sacked in July and immediately instructed his lawyers to tackle United. The controversy led to the early retirement of Sir Des-mond. After institutional pressure Sir Desmond said that he will leave next spring instead of his preferred date of 2000.

A severance package for Sir Desmond, who earns £310,000 a year, is now being

Mr Green, who has conducted a review of United Utilities's businesses, yesterday said that the company would make £40 million in additional savings by 1999 through extra efficiencies from the fusion of the electricity and water businesses.

He has jettisoned ambitious plans laid by Mr Staples for a full-blown move into the com-petitive electricity market. United has still to sign key

licence agreements for the opening of competition in the domestic market next April. It is complaining to the regulator of a lack of clarity. The company lifted pre-tax

profits for the six months to September 30 to £233.6 million. Its interim dividend was increased 9.7 per cent to 13.16p. Sir Desmond stressed that United would moderate dividend increases in order to "underpin the sustainability of the dividend in the longer

Water customers are to get a £6.50p rebate next year.



Stuart Lloyd, chief executive of Sutcliffe, Speakman, saw pre-tax profits slip from £2.6 million to £2.5 million in the half year to September. Earnings slipped from £35p to £23p but the dividend rose from £43p to £50p

Yorkshire Water defiant over payout

BY CHRISTING BUCKLEY INDUSTRIAL CORKESPONDENT

YORKSHIRE WATER, which is still trying to redeem its reputation after its performance in the 1995 drought, yesterday defied the regulator's warnings over high dividends by lifting its interim payment 20 per cent. But it claimed that it had struck a better balance between holders and customers.

Brandon Gough, chairman, said the six months to September 30 had produced "a useful, healthy but not excessive increase in profits but underpinned by some good improvements in customer service". Kevin Bond, chief executive, said the dividend had been raised by 20 per cent after a commitment to give real growth of up to 8 per cent, and after a share buyback had increased returns. Homes cut off for more than 12 hours

compared with 2,274 a year ago.

Pre-tax profits were £115.7 million, up from £109.4 million. The interim dividend, due January 23, was set at 6.15p. ☐ Wessex Water's pre-tax profits were trimmed by the costs of buying back some of its shares last year. Pre-tax profits for the six months to September 30 fell 4.5 per cent to £72.1 million. An interim of 6.5p, up 14 per cent, is due April 6.

THE Atlantic Telecom Group said yesterday that it has received Government approval in principle for a fixed radio telecommunications licence to run services throughout the UK. Atlantic launched a radio telecommunications service in Glasgow last year and says that 10,000 lines are either already installed or are about to be installed. The company plans to offer services to homes and business premises in a number of areas of England without requiring it, in principle, to incur the cost of building a national network.

Bristol press group up

BRISTOL UNITED PRESS, the regional newspaper group that last month bought Newsquest's Wessex newspapers subsidiary for E35 million, lifted pre-tax profits by 63 per cent in the half year to September 30, from £4.2 million to £6.9 million. Total sales were £33.7 million, up 8 per cent from £31.1 million. Earnings per share were up 78 per cent, from 10.81p to 19.24p. An interim dividend of 6p, up from 5.25p, is due on January 27. The company said that Wessex, which owns cleven titles, had been successfully integrated into the group.

I&S hits Caledonia

INTERIM pre-tax profits at Caledonia Investments declined £1.2 million to £22.4 million after the poor performance at Ivory & Sime, the Edinburgh fund manager, and last year's sale of Bristow Helicopters. The diversified trading and investments company agreed to sell two thirds of its 29 per cent stake in Ivory & Sime to Friends Provident, which is taking over the company. Earnings per share dipped from 17.7p to 17p. The company declared an interim dividend of 6.5p. up 0.3p.

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If you use our gas at any time the Agreement is not in force or in other cases provided for by law the above terms and conditions will still apply (with any necessary changes) but they will constitute a Deemed Contract of the kind required by our licence. The need to give us 28 days notice will not apply although if you are moving out you will still need to tell us 48 hours in advance (or be liable for charges as above). Instead, the Dearned Contract will continue in force until we or another supplier begins to supply you under a written contract. If the meter was not read before you be using our gas under the Deemed Contract your charges for the unmete period or until the supply cases (if this is before the mater is first rea after your supply began) will be based on a reasonable estimate of what rect when published.

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By Raymond Snoddy, media editor INDEPENDENT Television the Euronews move as a News will today sign a deal to business expansion and believes the loss-making channel, which is based in Lyons, can be turned into profit

ITN takes stake

in Euronews

take over 49 per cent plus managerial control of Euronews, the pan-European television news channel that is available to 90 million households in 43 countries.

It is ITN's first foray into running a channel of its own and its most significant move so far outside the UK. Euronews, which specialises in world news, business

and sport, broadcasts in English, French, German, Spanish, and Italian, with an Arabic service in peak time. now owned by Carlton, Granada, United News & Media, Associated Newspapers and Reuters, sees France Television, Swiss Broadcasting and TVE of Spain, have agreed to give ITN managerial control. Recent studies of pan-Euro-

ITN is buying the 49 per cent stake in the venture held

by Alcatel for about £5 million

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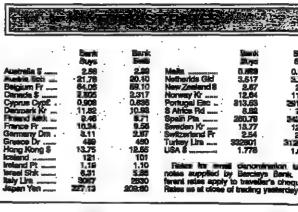
"carpetbagging" activist, is targeting three more building eties for conversion after his failed attempt at the Nationwide in the summer (Gavin Lumsden writes).

Mr Hardern, a former Royal butler, is urging thousands of people who have received copies of his carpetbagger's guide to vote him on to the boards of Bradford & Bingley,

abandon their mutual status and hand out windfalls to their members. Members who agree should send a stamped addressed envelope to his home in London for a Windfall Action Form by December 31, he said. All three building societites have removed him

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Firms face £5,000 fine for failure to observe pay decree By PHILIP BASSETT

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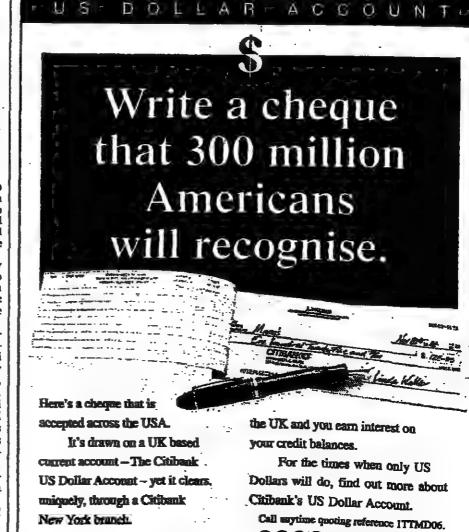
BUSINESSES refusing to pay the national mini wage will face fines of up to £5,000, the Government said the Bill to implement the

It also accepted publicly that there might be a risk to inflation from the minimum wage, but insisted that the benefits were considerable and the risks small.

Ian McCartney, the Indus-try Minister, said the minimum would be "simple and universal", and would apply to all regions of the country, all sectors of the economy, and all sizes of firms. All workers above school age will be covered, the Bill makes dear. The only exemptions are the genuinely self-employed, voluntary workers, children below the schoolleaving age, share fishermen and prisoners.

The minimum wage will apply to homeworkers. Crown employees, agency workers and the armed forces. Ministers are reserving the power to exempt all people under the age of 26, and trainees from the Bilt's coverage, depending on the recom-mendations of the Low Pay Commission, which will suggest an initial minimum rate to ministers next year.

The Bill gives the power to appoint new inspectors or use existing officials like tax and VAT inspectors to enforce its



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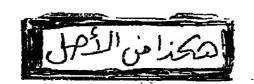
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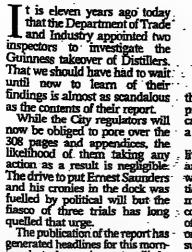
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ing but the excitement will be short-lived, for the lust for blood has evaporated. The Government has spelt out that it will not be issuing proceedings as a result of the inspectors' findings and the Securities and Futures Authority is hardly gung ho to attack top City names for what they might have been doing in 1986.

And the report makes clear that

many of them were having a fine-time, demonstrating total con-tempt for rules and codes, and, occasionally, the law. The inspectors are sweeping in their criticism of the Square Mile and speak of some of its inhabitants in tones of haughty distaste. They clearly did not warm to David Mayhew, and come close to impugning the integrity of the smooth old Etonian stockbroker. But they do not give

findings is almost as scandalous the SFA any evidence that would provide them with the basis of a While the City regulators will case against the man who is now now be obliged to pore over the a top Cazenove partner.

In short, the report provides little more than a riveling read and a snapshot of the City as it was, when share support operations were commonplace and the mutual back-scratching was as common as it is among any troop of monkeys. If Guinness went one degree further in its share support operation, it was not necessarily in providing indem-nities to those who helped buoy up its share price but in putting

them in writing.
Yet there was, in theory, regulation that should have put. paid to the practices that were apparently so rife. Where was the Takeover Panel when Argyll and Guinness were waging war?
The share price movements provided ample evidence that something was amiss and a strong Panel should have been able to

root out the cause. There have since been changes in City regulation and there will be more with the advent of the Financial Services Authority. But at a cost of more than £3 million, the DTI report has contributed nothing to preventing another Guinness scandal in the inter-

This Guinness has gone flat



COMMENTARY by our City Editor

vening decade. If these reports are to be anything other than indulgent journalistic exercises for accountants and lawyers, they need to be produced speedily with more of an eye to content than style.

There are currently four DTI reports wending slowly towards publication, inicuding that into Mirror Group. The late Robert Maxwell has no interest in the outcome, but it will lose all relevance unless published soon.

Brave Brown risks feminist backlash

The independent taxation re-forms passed in 1990, were intended to bring to an end centuries of inequality for women within the tax system. Seven years later, Gordon Brown, supposedly a new man, appears to wish wives to return to the status of chattel. His significant other, Sarah Macaulay, should perhaps be paying

attention to her friend's view on the position of husband and wife

within marriage.

The more well-heeled Labour supporters should also feel uneasy. Mr Brown could easily argue that independent taxation should be abolished since it is flawed and certain anomalies do still exist within the system. Although spouses are treated as separate entities, matrimony still has its fiscal advantages: gifts between spouses escape capital gains tax and estates pass free of inheritance tax. As he told us this week, Mr Brown is determined to root out tax avoidance. Getting rid of independent taxation would provide him with the chance to outlaw what could be seen as inter-marital

But ending the separate taxation of husband and wife would bring the Chancellor into direct conflict with 100 or more of his female colleagues in the Commons, let alone hosts of independent-minded females outside the House of

Commons. The brave Chancellor may be prepared to court unpopularity as a way of ensuring that the new-style family tax credits go only to the most needy households but he will need to plot his course carefully. Changes cannot be made piecemeal and they should have some regard to the mundane

realities of family life. How is he to ensure that the person who gets the tax credit spends it on the family? There is also the issue of the married couple's allowance of £1,830 which, following reductions by successive Tory Chancellors, is worth just £274.50. This is something of a dilemma for Mr Brown. If he increases the allowance, then he would benefit the rich as well as the poor. But abolition would destroy any pretensions to be the party of the family.

The Chancellor must be wary of the dangers of venturing into the territory between husband and wife. The Government has already demonstrated its enthusiasm for speaking first and considering the consequences second, whether on such complicated topics as foreign income dividends or the banning of tobacco sponsorship. Mistakes in certain areas are easily righted - just hand back the cheque. But in fiscal matters, the ramifications of change need to be carefully thought through before any move

New York turns sour on the euro

ordon Brown may be surprised to find more fearsome critics of EMU in America than at home, if only because their doubts cannot be put down to general Europhobia. Doubtless, economic elder statesmen such as Henry Kaufman and Martin Feldstein have had more contact with Britain's old free market internationalists than with new Labour's eurofocused long-termists. Yet their fears are real.

The Brownies have yet to grasp that what offers stability to some spells inflexibility to others. That hurts when the rules for stability are enshrined in institutions such as an independent monetary authority in Frankfurt the Maastricht deficit rules.

France and other euro-fans chose to endure needless years of low growth and high unemployment to allow Germany a boost from annexing its eastern provinces. In the euro zone, there will be no choice. Hence the headshaking from Americans who know that their civil war was not only about slavery. In practice, the worst threat to the euro zone may be its inability to deal with a general recession, rather than from unrest or calls for secession in economies that are out of step with the Rhein valley.

Mr Brown's best argument for investing in Britain is that the UK will be able to watch the euro's first most dangerous years from the sidelines without suffering the risks of permanent exclusion. The UK is in tune with US advice not to rush the euro, American investors please note.

BAA humbug

SIR Terence Conran's recent attack on BAA in our letters column has brought forth a chorus of sympathy from fellow travellers who do not wish to spend their journeys pondering where to stuff the carrier bags. As the director of corporate affairs for BAA, Des Wilson's determination to defend his company and attack the detractor shows an impressive disregard for the fashionable concept of customer relations.

RBS sorry for delays in Tesco account debut

BY RICHARD MILES BANKING CORRESPONDENT

ROYAL Bank of Scotland turned away a string of retailers before forming its joint venture with Tesco, the UK's

biggest supermarket group.

Dr George Mathewson, group chief executive of the RBS, took the unusual step of apologising to customers whose applications for a Tesco savings account had been delayed because of administrative troubles. Tesco has received 400,000 applications in five months.

The bank, which yesterday reported higher than expected pre-tax profits of £760 million. is understood to have held discussions with a number of companies that expressed an interest in entering the finan-

While RBS remained tightlipped about the identity of the that it has written off £11. willion against its investment In Tesco Personal Finance. launched in July.



Lord Younger of Prestwick, left, chahrman, and Bob Speirs. finance director, reporting the improved results yesterday

expected to see the first profits finance businesses coming through by the beginning of the millennium. In total. RBSwrote off £27 million

Dr Mathewson said that he against its investment in new retail financial businesses, incently its partnership with Richard Branson to form Virgin One, a telephone-based bank that was launched last

such ventures helped to lift operating expenses at the bank by more than 17 per cent, to £1.55 billion. The group's income ratio edged up to 52.2 per cent, from 50 per cent in the previous year, in spite of falling costs at the UK bank.

Dr Mathewson also ended speculation that the RBS was in merger talks with Abbey National. He made it clear that the future of the bank lay in joint ventures, such as its partnerships with Tesco and ife insurer Scottish Widows. The chief executive did not rule out further acquisitions after its £630 million takeover

of Birmingham Midshires Building Society in August, but stressed that prices were too high at present. For the next 12 months, expansion was likely to come from organic growth, he said.

RBS lifted its total dividend final payout of 15.2p. The bank's shares rose 12p to 685p.

Direct Line profit rises to £36m

DIRECT LINE, the insur-ance subsidiary of Royal Bank of Scotland, has lifted full-year pre-tax profits 37 per cent to £36 million, from the 1996 figure of £26.5 million, but at the cost of losing 100,000 motor customers (Marianne Curphey writes).

The telephone insurer provides cover for 2.1 million private motorists - the largest number for a single insurer in the UK. Direct Line said it had succeeded in raising motor rates in selective areas. However, the industry is experiencing

tor insurance premiums rose, weaker participants would be forced to leave the market. Like other motor insurers. Direct Line has suffered from the rising cost of personal injury claims.

RBS said that unless mo-

Troubled M&G falls further

By GAVIN LUMSDEN

M&G, the troubled fund management group, yesterday in-sisted that it is on the road to recovery in spite of results showing a further fall in the company's share of the private investment market. Net sales of the company's

unit trusts and investment trusts, which have been blighted by poor performance, fell £220 million into the red as investors redeemed £779 million of holdings, £254 million more than last year. Funds under managemen

rose by 16 per cent, to £18.1 billion, way behind the 23 per cent growth in the FTSE allshare index. Michael McLintock, the

group chief executive, who joined in February, refused to comment on speculation that M&G had been in talks with potential bidders, such as Halifax, and denied that he had

been given nine more months to turn the company round. A 4 per cent rise in pre-tax profits, to £67.4 million, disappointed analysts, who had expected £70 million. The share price fell by lip, to £14.35, ending a rise of more than £3 in the past month.

Retail figures showed that M&G's share of the vital Pep market had fallen from 7.4 per cent to 4.1 per cent, in spite of spending £2 million in the spring on a television advertising campaign featuring Lord Lawson of Blaby, the former Chancellor. Overall marketing expenditure rose by £8 million, to £46.2 million, as M&G stepped up the promotion of low-cost funds via independ-

A final dividend of 24p makes 40p, up 11 per cent.

ent financial advisers.

Berisford best for eight years

By Fraser Nelson

BERISFORD, the Magnet DIY and kitchens group, returned its strongest results for eight years yesterday after staging a full recovery from the strike at its Darlington factory and production problems in the US.

The boom in Britain's DIY market helped the company to lift profits from £25.5 million to £37 million before tax and exceptionals in the year to

September 30. A range of new kitchens nelped Magnet to deliver underlying sales growth of 15 per cent, beating 10 per cent growth in the market. Increased share of the woodwork market saw its joinery division advance 18 per cent, while the plastic double-glazed windows division grew 20 per

A 4.5p final dividend, due on January I, makes 6.5p (4.5p).

Plasterboard firm **Brewery** drops its likely to shed failures By DOMINIC WALSH

AFTER failing to make an ceptable return on capital, Wolverhampton & Dudley Breweries, the regional brewer and pub operator, is to drop some of its pub concepts.

Ralph Findley, finance di-rector, said brands such as Fast Eddie's and Lazt Word would be discontinued and the focus would be the Milestone, Varsity and Poacher's Pocket In the year to September 28.

return on investment in newbuilt units was 11 per cent against a target of 15 per cent, with some pubs failing to make any return whatsoever. Pre-tax profits before exceptionals were unchanged at £43.1 million on sales 10.4 per cent better at £275.6 million. Earnings per share, ex-cluding exceptionals, were up 3.1 per cent to 46.8p. A final of 12.1p, to be paid on January 30, makes 18.7p, up 10 per cent. The group is to seek shareholder approval to buy back

14.99 per cent of its shares.

100 workers in UK

likely to be made redundant by BPB, the plasterboard maker, as it tackles underperformance at its paper division. The division, which employs 2,400 internationally. mainly supplies paper for the manufacture of plasterboard used in the building trade. Its return on sales fell from 8.9 per cent in the first half of 1996, to 3.3 per cent in the comparable period of 1997. BPB aims to shed 850 jobs

by selling its mill in Radcliffe,

Manchester, as well as a Dutch mill already earmarked for disposal and by closing a divisional head office in Northwich, Cheshire. Jean-Pierre Cuny, chief ex-ecutive, said that he hoped the Raddiffe jobs would be retained in any sale, but the bulk of the anticipated redundancies would be at Northwich. in spite of a profits fall induced by the strong pound,

BY ADAM JONES ABOUT 100 UK staff are BPB raised its interim divi-

> highlight underlying growth. Interim profits before tax fell from £108.3 million in 1996, when a £11.6 million exceptional credit was recorded, to £89 million. Mike Betts, a Goldman Sachs analyst, predicted full-year profits of £176 million.

Mr Cuny said underlying profits would have been up 4 per cent at constant exchange rates. Actual underlying profits fell £7.9 million to £88.8 million after a £12 million currency hit and an increased redundancy charge of £4.8 million, up from £2.2 million. Mr Cuny said BPB was

dend 7 per cent yesterday to

considering taking advantage of the crises in the Far East as cheap expansion opportuni-An interim dividend of 3.8p per share will be paid on January 23 as a foreign income dividend.

boost 3i

By RICHARD MILES

A BUOYANT market for management deals in the midcap and technology sectors helped to boost first-half pretax profits at 3i, the venture capitalist almost 14 per cent to

return of E217.4 million, equivalent to 7.5 per cent on shareholder funds, against £188.4 million for the same six months in 1996. This compares with a 1.3 per cent rise in the FTSE smallcap total return index.

per cent to 518p as sharehold-ers' funds exceeded £3 billion for the first time. During the period, 3i invested £538.4 million, the bulk placed in 342 UK

Technology sector deals

£225.7 million.

Brian Larcombe, chief exec-

It said it had achieved a total

Net asset value edged up 6.6

utive, said he was considering backing companies on the Alternative Investment Market in the wake of falling share prices. He added that 3i had invested £52 million in 44 businesses in continental Europe.

American news lifts Johnson Matthey price BY ADAM JONES

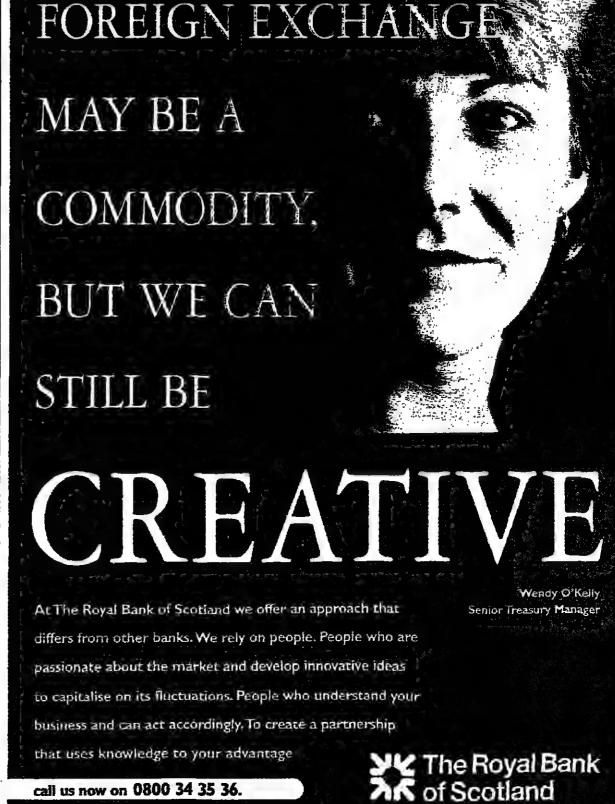
SHARES in Johnson Matthey leapt 6 per cent to 553p on excitement over its new US semiconductor-packaging factory and reassuring comments about exposure to Asian volatility. A restructuring of a ceramics joint venture will lead to the loss of more than 50 jobs in Stoke, however.

The metals and engineering group reported interim pretax profits of £58.2 million, a rise of 14 per cent. Electronicmaterials division profits were up 50 per cent to £18 million. David Davies, chairman, said its semiconductor packaging plant in Wisconsin, has reached its target of

producing a million units a month. He said full capacity of about 1.5 million a month

should be reached by March. Johnson Matthey said there was no fallout from the Far East yet. A slight dip in Japanese demand for platinum was more than matched by increases from China. In an overhaul of the

underperforming ceramics joint venture with Cookson. peripheral businesses are to he sold and the decorative ceramics operation is to be streamlined. One hundred jobs will be lost internationally. The interim dividend increased by 10.6 per cent to



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Vodafone takeover talk lifts shares to new high

THE saying that price tells all is one often quoted by City brokers, in which case we should see a bid any day now for Vodafone, Britain's biggest mobile phone operator.

The price climbed a further 13p to an all-time high of 394p stretching its lead during the past couple of weeks to 47p - amid further heavy turnover that saw almost eight million shares change hands. The group now commands a price tag of £1.2 billion.

There has been talk for some weeks about a bid from American Telephone & Telegraph, which is said to be anxious to gain a toehold in the European mobile phone market. Vodalone may prove to be the ideal vehicle, unlike Cellnet, its nearest rival owned jointly by BT, down 6140 at 456p12, and Securicor, up 51ap at 275p. Other names may also be in the frame. Brokers say Lehman Brothers, the US securities firm, has been a big buyer of the stock.

A few weeks ago Vodafone, under Chris Gent, chief executive, announced a series of price cuts in an attempt to stoke up the competitive pressures for its rivals. Brokers say the recent rise appears to be discounting a lot.

Share prices generally enjoyed an early mark-up with the help of another positive performance overnight in Tokyo. But with Wali Street closed for the Thanksgiving Day celebrations, prices in London failed to hold on to their early lead and the FTSE 100 index closed 2.2 down at 4.889.0. Turnover was on the low side, with 689 million shares traded, and this was swollen by 110 million shares traded in Redland after the increased terms from Lafarge. Redland firmed 212p to 342p. unperturbed by a Government call to the European Commission to refer part of the £1.8 billion bid to the Monopolies and Mergers

Commission. British Aerospace climbed 36n to El6.28 after the German. Government finally gave the -ahead to the E40 billion European fighter project. BAe will supply the wings and part ciaries include Rolls-Royce, 2p casier at 234p, which will help to make the engines and GEC, 314p cheaper at 39312p. involved in supplying the aircraft's electronic systems. BAe is also expected to benefit soon from a Government decision.



Chris Gent, of Vodafone, a further 13p higher at 394p

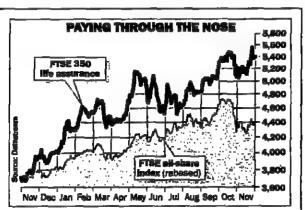
to allow foreign share ownership to rise from 29.9 per cent to around 40 per cent.

The falling oil price is likely to make life difficult for the oil companies. But Shell, down 6p at 412p, also had to contend with the suggestion from BZW that clients should switch into rival BP, 4p better at 812p.

Zeneca continued to make headway with a rise of 69p to £18.96 as Dresdner Kleinwort

Benson rold clients to switch out of Glazo Wellcome, 2p lighter at £13.78.

Earlier this week Zomig, Zeneca's migraine pill was approved by the US Food and Drug Administration. Word is the group is now looking for a partner in the US with which to market the drug. Zeneca calculates that 23 million Americans suffer from migraine and that the market for



breath among the life assurance companies having seen their share prices race ahead sharply this week on the back of a flurry of revived bid speculation. Takeover favourite London & Manchester retreated 13p also recorded in Legal & General, 10p to 508p, Norwich Union, 5p to 363p, and

But this lull in activity is likely to prove short-lived. David Hudson at Credit Lyonnais Laing says: " We know the banks and build-

to snap-up the life assurers." But he gives warning that any potential bidder will have to pay through the nose for the husiness.

"Take Legal & General as an example, the proper price to pay for the comanyone wants to bid, they are going to have to pay L&G directors have been

seiling stock." Hudson says the same can be said of the rest of the sector. "They are all overpriced and overhyped," he

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Meanwhile, British Biotech advanced 7'2p to 11712p, fuelled by claims that Zeneca is poised to make a bid. British Biotech currently car-

ries a price tag of £725 million. Hillsdown fell 8p to 157p as several brokers downgraded their profit forecasts from £165 million to £158 million. The move has been blamed on weakening food prices. But Fairview, its housebuilding arm, continues to do well as does its furniture business.

News of a bid approach

lifted Neepsend 812p to 3912p. The group is also poised to sell a piece of land for £1 million currently on the books at £150,000. But the engineer warned shareholders that final profits would fall short of last year's El.61 million.

Courtaulds rose 612p to Z7612p after HSBC James Capel, the broker, made some encouraging noises and set a target price for the shares of 385p. It follows close on the heels of the group's acquisition of a German protective coatings business. Tetra Holdings made an

encouraging debut after a placing of shares by HSBC James Capel at 160p. The computer software specialist saw its price touch a peak of 17212p before settling at 171p, a premium of lip. Also making its debut was

Seascope Shipping, which enjoyed a modest premium after a placing by Bell Lawrie White, the broker, at 250p. The shares closed 5p dearer at

GILT-EDGED: Bond prices in London drifted lower, along with other European markets. The continuing rally in Japan overnight prompted a move away from fixed interest back into equities.

The absence of any inspiration from US Treasury bonds also kept investors sidelined for much of the day. They await testimony from Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, to the Treasury

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Mixed Royal message

the expectations of the City yesterday to report a 9 per cent increase in pre-tax profits. Even Direct Line, the telephone-based insurance arm founded by Peter Wood, appears to have made a return to form, chipping in £36

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million towards a total of £760 million. However, the results will only serve to heighten speculation about the bank's future in a sector where consolidation appears to accelerate almost daily. George Mathewson. the plain-speaking group chief executive, did his best to dispel the rumours, shooting down recent reports that RBS had begun merger talks with Abbey National.

Dr Mathewson believes the bank's future lies in partnerships with retailers, such as the joint venture with Tesco and, more recently, the tie-up with Richard Branson to form

ROYAL Bank of Scotland comfortably beat Virgin One, a telephone-based bank. Such partnerships allow RBS to expand its retail business south of the border far more cheaply and quickly than through the establishment of a traditional branch network.

But doubts have already surfaced about the bank's ability to cope with the demands of such partnerships. Tesco took the unusual step of offering compensation to many of the 400,000 applicants for its savings account after they suffered lengthy delays. Yesterday. Dr Mathewson apologised for the mix-up, claiming the bank was a victim of its own success. Whether Mr Branson would stand for such a publicity disaster is doubtful: remember how quick he was to drop Norwich Union in favour of Australian insurer AMP as the backer of Virgin Direct during its early days. The shares look an unexciting prospect.

to M&G's lack of credibility.

The result was a near halv-

ing of M&G's share in the

M&G insists its fund re-

view has revived its fortunes.

However, dwindling fee in-

come, increased expense and

a flawed brand image mean

the only reason to buy M&G

is if you think someone is

going to bid.

M&G

POORER than expected results sent M&G's shares down llp yesterday, a salutory reminder of what will happen if all the talk about talks with the Halifax proves untrue. In the past month, the beleaguered fund manager's stock has risen nearly £3 on the back of bid speculation. Without a bid its true value is probably nearer £13, a good £50p below its

executive, tried to play on fears that M&G was overvalued when he ingenuously suggested such an "untoward movement" would have merited an announcement under the City's takeover and merger rules if talks were under way. There had been no such statement. Unfortunately, the takeover

Michael McLintock, chief

PEPPED UP BY THE HALIFAX

Berisford

POOR old Berisford. It has delivered a threefold earnings jump, sorted out its US division and is now dangling a fat £475 million in tax credits. Yet its shares still languish at 181p -- only 10.4 times forecast earnings.

The City, it seems, has not forgotton the wilderness years when the company delivered nothing but misery to shareholders. Many feel that Alan Bowken, chief executive, should not be forgiven until Berisford has spent as many years in the black as it did in the red.

But yesterday's results show few signs of the bad old now reporting productivity up .15 per cent. Costs in Welbilt, its US division. which still generates three fifths of company sales, have dropped sharply, leaving the whole group pretty close to a full recovery and on track to

deliver 18 per cent profit growth this year. Of course, UK interest rate rises could hold back current growth in demand for kitchens and other consumer durables. Its sector is not the shinlest in the market, but these are topics beyond the company's

ments in share prices, not

veeks of steady rise. Share-

holders can be pretty sure that talks are indeed on.

Halifax is one of several big

players with money looking

to expand into fund manage

ment, while M&G is one of

the ever dwindling band of

independent managers with

nowhere to go. Of course shareholders have got used

The shares look cheap at the current levels, especially given the tax losses. And until they get nearer to 200p, keep

Euromoney

directors THE Euromoney, which knows a thing or two about information delivery, must be kicking results that said the turmoil in Asian markets could affect them in the next six months. The market read it as a profits warning, and Euromoney found itself boasting to an invisible audience that it had significantly outstripped

market forecasts. The fact is

that Euromoney's £85 million acquisition of Institutional Investor in the US has further protected it from Asian storms, with trading in the Far East now bringing in less than a third of all turnover.

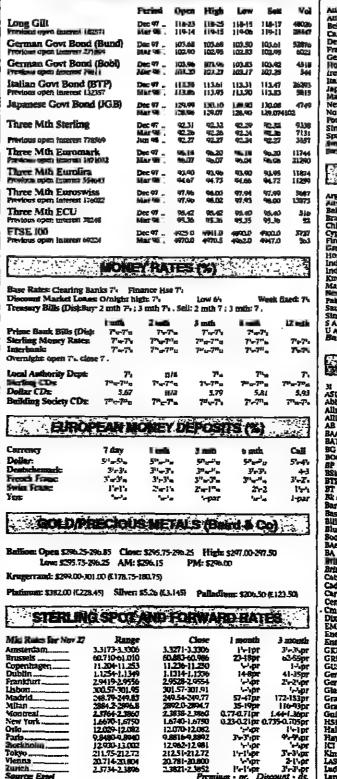
However, Asia could give it headaches in other ways, especially if the bond market deteriorates, taking attention away from the plethora of magazines it publishes for that sector. Aside from that, the business still looks strong, with its ability to generate cash already reducing the £68 million of debt it raised to buy Institutional

With the company's shares now changing hands at from 18322 p in October, they should look attractive, espe premium. But with sentithe market waits for a less healthy set of final-year re-sults, they are probably best

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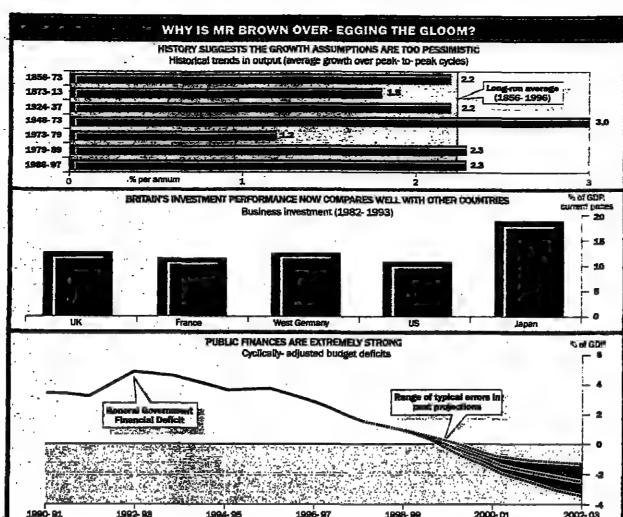
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14. Relate the find ordon Brown musi The militaried subano have been delighted by the reaction to mil. Person to but & Nothing could be more congenial to the spin doctors, especially in a week of rebellions over cuts in welfare benefits for the disabled and single parents, than cartoons of a olly Chancellor in a Santa hat, backed up by TV clips of children in playgroups and pensioners in front of gas fires. Most importantly, this

trivialisation was remarkably successful in distracting atten-tion from the mini-Budget's main point. This was, as usual, to be found in the small print of the Budget documents relating to the Treasury's fiscal forecasts and economic assumptions, was far more important than rag-bag of minor changes in taxation and welfare policy which dominated his speech. Before going on to discuss these, one of the spending measures does deserve special attention: the decision to throw away £400 million (enough to finance all the disputed benefits for single) parents) on an indiscriminate "Christmas heating" handout to all pensioners, regardless of their means. It is hard to improve the comment of Andrew Dilnot, director of the Institute for Fiscal Already, he noted, the Government had turned its new autumn pre-Budget report "into just another occasion each year when the Chancellor feels obliged to hand out brightly coloured lollipops to MPs and the popular press".

Now let us turn to the more serious issues. Two, in particit lar, are worth noting. First, the Chancellor's assumptions about the economy's long-term growth potential and about e lowest sustainable rate of memployment are both very. pessimistic. Secondly, even on the basis of the Treasury's very cautious assumptions about growth and employment, a dramatic reduction in public borrowing appears to be on the cards in the years leading up to the next election — a reduction which the Chancellor preferred to gloss over in his presentation.

Focusing first on the economic assumptions, the Treasury believes that Britain's long-term sustainable growth rate is only 2.25 per cent, despite the fact that growth has averaged 2.5 per cent in the 50 years since 1947 and that the average growth rate in the period of economic history most closely comparable to the present one - the 1950s and



1960s was over 3 per cent. To justify its pessimism about the underlying rate of productivity growth in the British economy, the Treasury has to go all the way back to the mid-19th century. Only thus can it produce a slice of economic history bad enough to generate an average growth rate of 2.25 per cent (see top chart). Unfortunately the Treasury does not explain what relevance the age of the steam-driven handlooms might have to contemporary events.

The Treasury also assumes that the level of capacity use and of unemployment attained by the economy today are the best that can be sustained without forcing inflation to accelerate.

Despite this slowdown. which would imply unemployment rising again from the middle of next year, the Treasury believes that inflation will months. This disquieting forecast is sharply at odds with the view of the Bank of England, which this month predicted that inflation would decline through next year. It seems to take no account of events in Asia and the deflationary pressures even in the strong American economy. The Treasury's anxiety about inflation also sits oddly with its assumption that the pound will remain at about its present level throughout next year. If the Treasury is right, then heaven forlend what might happen to inflation should the pound fall

sharply, as the Chancellor and

the Governor of the Bank of

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Newspapers," it says.

I suppose that's one way of putting it. Alternatively, "Helen Liddell was one of the many

sycophanis who surrounded

the late Robert Maxwell, took

the Maxwell shilling and

from the wreckage" might

have done just as well. Quite a few of those around. I still

remember the day Peter Jay

tried to bully me into with-

drawing something I wrote

England until recently believed that it should. All this alarm about inflation comes back to the Trea-

sury's assumption that the economy has already hit its capacity limits and that unemployment has fallen to its lowest sustainable rate. What the Treasury does not point out, however, is that equally "authoritative" studies were suggesting three years ago that the NAIRU was 9 per cent or even higher — or that in America estimates of this supposedly stable level of unemployment have declined year by year from more than 8 per cent to around 4 per cent today. There are, of course, plenty of econometric studies Which claim to show that the lowest sustainable rate of unemployment — also known as the "Non Accelerating Inflation Rate of Unemployment" or NAIRU - happens to be equal to the present unemployment rate, which the Treasury admits to be nearer 7 per cent, rather than the 5.1 per cent suggested by official figures.

s a result, the Treasury is forecasting a sharp slowdown in economic growth, from 3.5 per cent this year to between 2.25 and 2.75 per cent in 1998 and 1.5 to 2 per cent in

The most reasonable inference to draw from the economists' abysmal record in estimating this supposedly rock-bottom level of unem ployment, is that the NAIRU, if it exists at all, can only be established by a process of trial and error. Only by allowing the economy to keep growing and by encouraging unem-ployment to keep failing, will we ever find out how many people can be put back to work before inflation begins to accelerate. This is exactly the experiment which the Fed has been conducting in America

for the past five years. The in future years. Imagine now what would happen if the economy actual-ly grew faster than 225 per outcome, so far, has been the an unemployment rate of 4.5 per cent, combined with the lowest annual inflation rate since 1965. Given the paucity of evidence to back up the pessimism about inflation, unemployment and growth, it is natural to ask what could be motivating the Chancellor to be so grim. One possible answer leads to the remarkable prospects for public fi-Even under its gloomy economic assumptions, the Treasury forecasts that the General Government Financial Deficit

(a more accurate measure of deficits than the traditional PSBR) will disappear by 1999/2000 and will be replaced by a huge surplus in 2001/02, the last year of the present parliament. The size of this surplus depends on what decisions are made in the coming years on phulc spending. In the unlikely event that the new Government stuck, even beyond 1999, to the extremely tight long-range spending plans inherited from the Tories, the surplus would be 2.4 per cent of GDP, equivalent to £20 billion in today's money. If spending reverted to the 1.5 per cent real average growth rate of the past 20 years, the surplus would be only slightly smaller, at 1.6 per cent of GDP. And even if real public spending exapaded by 2.25 per cent annually, in line with the economy's supposed trend growth rate, there would still be a surplus equivalent to 0.9 per cent of GDP — and rising

cent and if unemployment continued falling. The Treasury coffers would be overflowing from 1999 onwards. There would be scope for massive spending bonanzas and tax giveaways just before the next election. This is a prospect which the Chancellor and the Prime Minister must certainly relish, but they have to keep it quiet. The last thing they want is to arouse premature expectations - or to admit that the country's astoundingly strong public fi-nances were actually inherited from the Tories. Far better to create the impression that all the extra money has been conjured up by the good stewardship of the Labour government - and then to surprise the voters with some really big lollipops just before the election. As for the disabled, the single parents, the universities, the hospitals and schools and all the other deserving supplicants to the Treasury - they will just have to suffer for a few more years for a more convenient point in the electoral cycle.

Airport users want high-quality shops

From the Director of Corporate and Public Affairs of BAA

Sir, Sir Terence Conran has used fetter columns of newspapers for some time to campaign about retailing at Heathrow, steadfastly refusing to acknowledge or accept the following facts:

First, we regularly interview hundreds of thousands of passengers to establish their views and needs; 90 per cent say they want to see high-quality shopping facilities at airports. Indeed, they want

Secondly, it is absurd to suggest that airports are really out-of-town shopping centres. The maximum space devoted to retail at any of our airports is 12 per cent. Of 55,888 people recently interviewed at Heath-row, only 89 were there purely to shop. And, frankly, they were misguided, because they could shop only landside, where inevitably there's a more limited range of shops than they could find in their local high street.

Thirdly, it is equally absurd to suggest that the taxpayer subsidises BAA via duty-free. The opposite is the case. It is the retailing that underpins the £1.5 million BAA spends every day providing this country with its airport infrastructure, in no other country in the world is this level of infrastructure provided to the coun-

Duty-bound to point out Heathrow chaos

From Ms Jayne Barnard Sir, I had to laugh when Des Wilson, speaking on behalf of BAA, claimed last week that his organisation had been working hard to create more retailing, rather than less chaos, at international airports because that is "what airport

I have exited the UK twice in the last six weeks, each time fully intending to purchase duty-free gifts. Instead, because of the lack of queuecontrol and other evidence of mismanagement at Heathrow, I found myself with only alone retailers — are seeking. Yours sincerely JAYNE BARNARD.

minutes to spare before departure. I never spent a cent. I must question whether this is what airport customers - let

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Financing of airport facilities

From Mr Gerald Clark Sir, Des Wilson of BAA suggests that national airports and infrastructure are provided free of charge on the back of airport retalling operations. Having used Heathrow twice this purchasing services and expensive catering en route, does he really expect me to believe that there were no charge elements for airport facilities included in the base cost of my airline ticket?

GERALD CLARK, 16 Mansel Street, Swansea.

Prices charged by try free of charge. In addition,

airport duty, etc - a huge

Finally, Sir Terence ques-

tions our prices. Only a year

back the Monopolies and

Mergers Commission investi-

gated BAA's retailing and concluded: "BAA has ensured

that prices are no higher than

in high street outlets, and has

increased choice, policies

which, as shown in BAA's

quality service monitor, are

reflected in passengers' per-

ception of genuinely good

value for money. The general

impression from this evidence

is that passengers find the experience of passing through

the three South East airports

more enjoyable than was pre-

Terence drinks Bells Whisky.

but he would have paid £17.10

for a litre in the high street last week and obtained one at

Sir Terence's notoriety en-

sures he obtains publicity for

his opinions; let's hope the

facts will receive equal

Director of Corporate and

Terminal I for £8.30).

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BAA,

Yours faithfully, DES WILSON,

Public Affairs,

Corporate Office.

130 Wilton Road, SWI.

(I don't know whether Sir

viously the case."

contribution.

BUSINESS LEELS

tax-free stores BAA is worth more than £500 million to the Exchequer via appear too high taxes of various kinds, VAT,

From Mr Ken Graham Sir, Does the arrogance of Des Wilson, commenting on behalf of BAA, reflect the attitude of the company to its

customers, and taxpayers? Regardless of Sir Terence Conran's motives and Mr Wilson's personal opinion of Sir Terence, I believe that Sir Terence's views are shared by many travellers such as myself.

I have long been appalled at the prices charged by "taxfree" stores, for goods which are sold at a slight discount to high street prices, and which, in no way reflect the saving made as a result of the absence of tax.

This is particularly illus-trated in restaurants and bars at BAA sites, where the prices charged are often higher than those for identical products sold outside the airport, despite the absence

Mr Wilson should take note, that Sir Terence certainly does speak for many DRESSEN GETS Yours faithfully, KEN GRAHAM.

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Benefits of abolishing BAA's duty-free shops

From Mr Michael Boatman Sir, As a frequent business traveller to the US and Europe, who passes through BAA terminals up to 50 times a year, I hasten to lend support to the comments of Sir Terence Conran (The Times, November 20).

My hope is that duty-frees will be abolished by 1999 despite the current campaigns being waged by BAA and some airlines. I see the effects as wholly beneficial. There will be fewer shops in the departure lounges so more space for passengers to relax and much less congestion when they try to reach departure gates. Cabin baggage on European flights will reduce by 30 to 50 per cent, there will be space in the lockers and less fuel consumed. With less money for BAA from retail franchises we can expect a hefty increase, perhaps £10 per ticket, in airport taxes. It will hardly break the bank for

business trips but may reduce domestic and charter flights. Fewer flights, especially

from Heathrow, should be a surer route to reducing congestion on approach roads than the high-speed rail link that was emasculated when the cross-rail scheme was cancelled. In addition, we all benefit from closure of a tax loophole, which is incompatible with the concept of "a single market".

Should anyone doubt that duty-free prices are a rip-off, I suggest they take a walk in Gibraltar town. Ordinary re-tailers sell whisky as low as £2 per standard bottle and even quality brands are below £6 per litre, around 50 per cent of BAA's "duty-free", "profit-in-Yours faithfully MICHAEL BOATMAN

Boatman Consulting, 15 Ringwood Avenue,

Redhill, Surrey

Happy to be identified as a nobody

From Mr Richard Griffith Sir, Having read Sir Terence Conran's letter and Des Wilson's reply, the latter is a disgraceful and unjustified personal attack which reeks of guilt, I should be identified as one of the nobodies to whom Des Wilson refers.

Yours anonymously RICHARD GRIFFITH. Cuatro Vientos 31, Atalya,

07811 Sant Vicent de sa Cala, Ibiza, Spain.

From the Minister at the Foreign and Commonwealth

Sir, You are, of course, right to conclude that Robin Cook's idea of bringing business expertise to bear on the Foreign Office is admirable" (City Editor's commentary, November 25). I would, however, take issue with your suggestion that business leaders acting as ambassadors for Britain cannot do much to help small companies.

Nothing could be further from the truth. This latest initiative builds on the partBusiness ambassadors nership we are developing

with the private sector. In particular it gives the Foreign Office a better understanding of the needs of all exporters large and small — and will complement the day to day commercial work of our posts overseas, much of which is devoted to helping small and medium sized exporters.

Indeed, 75 per cent of the chargeable work by our com-mercial sections is for companies with under 500 staff. Nor is this initiative at the expense of more funding for overseas trade fairs. The joint Foreign Office-DTI Export Forum study, initiated this summer, is aimed at improving assistance to smaller companies.

Margaret Beckett has already announced the largest ever programme of support for UK exporters taking part in overseas trade fairs and outward missions in 1998-99. Yours faithfully, DEREK FATCHETT,

Minister of State for Foreign & Commonwealth Affairs, Foreign & Commonwealth

Mirror image

HELEN LIDDELL, Economic Secretary to the Treasury, was at the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children the other day. Stalin's granny, as she is known to the pensions industry bosses, was giving a speech on pensions reform. Nothing like getting to them early, is there? But I have been forwarded a resumé of her career, as provided to the NSPCC by the Treasury to remind everyone who the guest speaker was. "Helen Liddell was formerly at the Scottish Daily Record and took part in the successful



about him while he was part of the same entourage. But we mustn't reopen old wounds, must we? • WHILE I have every sympathy for the employees of White Knight and three associated businesses where the DTI has just put in the official receiver, we can take some slight comfort from the collapse. White Knight and Sykes Corporate Recovery "provide insolvency advisory and related services to businesses in financial difficulty", says the DTI. The other two "provide debt avoidance

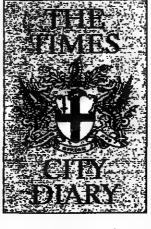
Man of steel MIKE GRANT, head of the sword, the publicity-shy backer

and related services". Until.

they became casualties, I must

assume, of the current eco-

nomic boom.



Treasury team at Eurotunnel and the man who toured the globe talking to all those banks, has told the company he is leaving to do a threebackbone and a heart of steel."

Radio ga-ga

month senior management course at Harvard. He has decided that the final adoption of the debt restructuring plan is a good time to make the break. He has no job to go to but will surely not be short of offers. Sir Alastair Morton, former chairman at Eurotunnel and not a man easily pleased, referred to Grant thus at Morton's last results briefing a year ago: "Mike Grant has a

A SPLENDID innovation at the Priory Hotel in Bath, owned by Andrew Brown-

of Bath rugby football club who made a reported £170 million fortune from selling his greetings card firm. In every room the Priory has genuine old-fashioned 1930s and 1940s wireless sets, those old brown bakelite jobs that a few readers may remember from the days before the Japanese ruled the consumer electronics industry. But the sets have been carefully customised so none can receive Mr Branson's Virgin FM service. Brownsword. it seems, cannot abide Chris Evans, the carrot-haired yob who does a comic turn on Virgin every morning.

● A WHILE back, Evans, the women's clothing retailer specialising in the larger figure, started an on-line mail order system, allowing customers to avoid the embarrassment of actually going into the shops and picking up their size 18s. The company seems to have tapped into a hidden market. Its research suggests most sales are to transvestites.

Tidey sum

THE SUM of 12 million has been handed over by Associated British Foods to the director responsible for the sale of its Irish supermarkets in May. Donald Tidey retired in June and has departed with this reward for his "exceptional" service, according to the accounts. The sale booked a

£420 million profit for ABF, so perhaps shareholders should consider it money well spent, as Tidey was responsible for the growth of the chain before it was sold to Tesco. But some in the City believe there is more to the award than this.

Tidey became briefly fam-ous when he was kidnapped by the IRA in the early 1980s and freed after a gun battle. He showed remarkable courage during his ordeal, and great resilience thereafter. Some wonder if the money was not, at least in part, ABF chairman Garry Weston's way of paying a tribute. Alas, Weston is notoriously secre-tive, and ABF was not returning calls yesterday.

MARTIN WALLER



Donald Tidey after his

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The attitude was one of win at any price

The inspectors say they were faced constantly with untruthful, incomplete, and sharply conflicting testimony. They were often forced to decide between two or more accounts of events that were hopelessly at variance, relying on assessment of several witnesses and the plausibility of their testimony. On occasion they found themselves unable to accept any of the accounts. Below we extract the report on the Guinness affair.

WE WOULD, of course, have complete, and sharply conflictpreferred our findings to have been made available more rapidly. Some of what occurred in 1986 has already been exposed to public gaze, as a result of the evidence given in the criminal proceedings, including substantial extracts from our interviews with some of the defendants. But much has not: many areas of the canvas remained unexamined in the criminal process. Nor has any systematic account of what happened ever been publicly available. This we hope now to provide. Despite a certain disiance in the past, we believe the events we describe in this report retain not only interest. but current relevance.

Our repeated journeys over limited patches of territory were undoubtedly necessary. for from the start we were faced constantly with untruthful, in-

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Parmes that market tactics

were a natural and entirely

accepted and necessary part of contested bids. These

tactics involved purchasing

shares in the offered or

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this was a grey area and as most hostile bids involved

these tactics and were there-

fore widespread there was

It became apparent that

An increased offer by Ar-

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MMC put pressure on

Guinness to raise its offer,

and there was considerable

discussion and argument.

Mr Saunders was most anx-

ious to increase the offer, but

most of the advisers, in particular Cazenove and

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Mr Saunders' histrionic re-

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WITNESSES

confronted by the reverse problem, where witnesses had aligned their stories and evidence. This sometimes came to naught, when some of the witnesses were unable to withstand the pressure of sustained lying to us, or others were unable to provide satis-

THE TACTICS

mous merchant bank would

do his bidding. Eventually, he yielded and agreed that

the offer would not be in-

creased, and an announce-

ment to this effect was made

From March 20, 1986, the

day before Argyll's third

offer, to the high point of the

Guinness share price on

April 14, 1986, the share price

moved from 298p to 353p, an

increase of 18.5 per cent

against a fall of 0.2 per cent

in the FTSE 100 index.

During the same period the

Argyll share price rose 8.9

per cent. Despite such gener-al indications that the mar-

, ket in Guinness shares was

period of the bid, we were

not prepared for the enormi-

ty of the support operation as

revealed by a detailed analy-

million Guinness shares

(some 25 per cent of the

issued share capital) were

purchased by supporters of

the Guinness cause from

January 20 to April 18, 1986.

more than half being bought

in the last two weeks. The

supporters were: J Roth-

schild Holdings, Ronson in-

terests, Mrs Seulberger-

Simon, Henry Ansbacher

clients, LF Rothschild,

Guinness Pension Funds,

Schenley Industries Inc.

CIFCO and Berisford Capi-

tal Corporation, Z-Bank, Mr

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Mr Saunders, Sir Jack Lyons

& clients, Furstenberg, Mor-

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on April 3, 1986.

factory answers to questions outside their "brief": sometimes, also, the common story was in itself implausible or the witnesses quite unconvincing in retelling it.

We were denied the evidence of two important witnesses: Thomas Ward, a Washington DC lawyer and former non-executive director of the company, and Ivan Boesky, the former US arbitrageur. We tried on numerous occasions to interview Mr Ward, both in the UK and in the US. After much effort it became clear that Mr Ward did not intend to be interviewed by us, despite that, as a former officer of the company, he was bound to attend for interview if so requested under the terms of Section 434 of the Companies Act 1985. On March 15, 1994, the High Court made a committal order of six months' imprisonment against Mr Ward on the ground of his failure to comply with Section 434. A warrant for its arrest was issued and remains outstanding, capable of execution should re-enter the UK, In failing to co-operate with our inquiry Mr Ward seriously failed in his duty as a director, and later former director, of an English company. As will

an officer of Guinness. Of Mr Boesky's failure to give oral evidence to us there perhaps less to criticise. Unlike Mr Ward, he was not an officer, or former officer, of the company, and, being in the US and therefore out of the iurisdiction, was under no legal obligation to assist us. Nevertheless, Mr Boesky made much of his ready cooperation with the authorities and it is right to record that, so far as our inquiry was concerned, there were serious limits to that co-operation. Though his evidence would have been valuable, it was not in the event vital, and we do not believe that its absence has prevented us from establish-

appear from the body of this

report, this was no more than

the final chapter in the lengthy

saga of Mr Ward's failings as



picture of the events in which Gerald Ronson, the Heron chief, leaving a London court hearing in October 1987 A contempt for truth in part of City thought respectable

operation was an enterprise of deception, there can be no doubt. It is impossible to tell the extent to which the deception succeeded in fact. It was widely known throughout the market that there was extensive buying of Guinness shares: cynical references to support operations appeared in the press. It is unlikely that many holders of a large block of Distillers shares would have taken the share price at face value or expected that it would necessarily survive at that level after the close of the

In the present case, however, we feel that even a sceptical holder of Distillers shares might well have underestimated the remarkable extent of the support operation and the corresponding dis-count which should be made for it. And not all holders of Distillers shares would have been sufficiently sophisticated or well-informed to ignore the current share price in reaching their decision on which offer to accept, or whether to sell in the market.

CONCLUSIONS

We can see no reason why an operation with such deceptive purpose should be regarded as acceptable. In the most fundamental sense, it aims at the creation of a false market the company or its agents or advisers set out to move the share price to an artificial level by procuring or stimulating purchases not motivated by considerations related to the investment potential of the stock, their involvement or its nature being concealed to avoid exposing the contrivances underlying the resulting price.

To date, perhaps while awaiting our report, the Take-over Panel has taken no action arising out of the share support operation. It has, however, reacted to the concert party purchase of 10.6 million Distillers shares on April 17, 1986. On September 1987 the Panel ordered Guinness to pay compensa-tion to Distillers' shareholders who might have opted for

a cash alternative increased in accordance with Rule 11.1. Though no doubt the result of practical considerations this approach was based on an unreal premise. If, before the end of the bid,

apprised of the concerted nature of the purchase, it would have had to rule that crease in the offer being possible in the last 14 days of the bid, or - possibly - to order a divestment of the shares. No question would thus have arisen of extending the price of 731p to all Distillers' shareholders. In practice, if disclosure had ever been contemplated, the shares would never have been purchased. What effect the excess concerted purchases had on the outcome of the rival bids is impossible speculation. but it is conceivable that without them success might have gone to Argyll.

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resulting from the Panel's ruling was in the region of £65 million. That is a figure which Mr Saunders — and perhaps more neutral observers would almost certainly have regarded as a reasonable additional expense to secure Distillers. Once consummated. a takeover cannot realistically be reversed and the case Illustrates the difficulty of providing ex post facto justice

for a losing contestant or accepting shareholders. What (if any) additional changes could assist in practice is a large subject but merits close examination by the Panel and its sponsoring bodies. Though our sensibilities may have been numbed by long confrontation with the evidence, three features still shine disturbingly through. Firstly, the cynical disregard of laws and regulations; secondly, the cavalier misuse of company monies; thirdly, a contempt for truth and common honesty: all these in a part of the City thought respectable.

Ronson saw no reason for being excluded. from the feast

WE HAVE had conflicting evidence as to the extent of Cazenove's freedom in the use of the firepower conferred on it by a JRH investment order (as increased in the course of the bid). Nils Taube, director of J Rothschild Holdings, and Nicholas Roditi told us that Cazenove had full discretion as to the timing and price of purchases. David Maynew, a Cazenove partner, would report back the deals to Mr Taube after he had made them. While Mr Taube could, of course, express displeasure at that stage, in practice he only did so when the price reached 345/350p towards the end of the bid. Even then, Mr Taube's reaction was one of "if you must, you must", meaning that he would go along with such high prices if Mr Mayhew thought it

Mr Mayhew maintained, by contrast, that in the almost daily discussions, which (as is agreed by Mr Taube) Cazenove had with JRH on a range of dealing topics, advance approval was obtained to all purchases of Guinness shares, within agreed parameters of size and price. We think that the account given by Mr Taube and Mr Roditi is closer to the true picture. The

particular day would no doubt have featured in the regular discussions between Cazenove and JRH. but we do not believe that specific advance approval within. parameters) was sought or

ically in the way suggested by reason to be excluded from the Mr Mayhew. Mr Taube was, feast: I said to [Parnes] This is and had no objection to the way in which Cazenove was executing JRH's standing investment order, albeit he experienced and voiced some limited reluctance towards the end. That he could at any time have withdrawn the balance of that investment order, does not detract from the essential position that at significant mo-ments in the bid Cazenove were in practice masters of a formidable reserve of purchase-power entrusted to them

by JRH. The use of several different brokers was designed to create the illusion of numerous buyers and hence greater activity and interest. Neither the indemnity nor purchases were disclosed under the City Code. Throughout the period of

the bid Gerald Ronson was, as he told us, in regular contact with Mr Saunders, who would telephone him every ten days



CAZENOVE

or so to ascertain Mr Ronson's views on market or City reaction to the Guinness bid. The two men also met over breakfast at the New Piocadilly Hotel on February 7, 1986;when Mr Saunders gave Mr. Ronson a commission to value certain hotel properties owned? by Distillers. This was no doubt the kind of businessopportunity which Mr Ronson. had hoped to encourage and to receive more of from an enlarged Guinness group in return for his supportive attitude on share purchases." His idea of an appropriate quid pro quo was, however, to grow more ambitious as those, purchases increased.

The limit of £10 million was reached on February 19, 1986, at which point there was a pause before buying resumedon March 6, 1986. Mr Ronson appears to have agreed to a revised limit, probably of £15 million in the first instance, being raised in due course to £18 million. That new limit was reached on March 27,

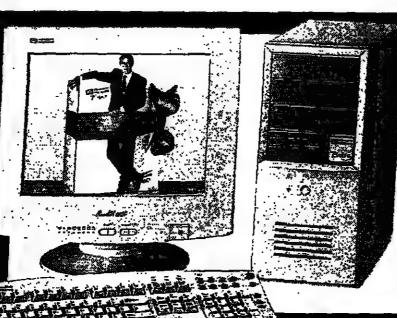
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er advisers. Mr if you are successful, what is our success fee if we go to £25 million? His reply was that he thought 20 per cent of the total exposure would be a reason able success fee — I said. Tha? may be your idea, but do youhave the approval of the company?, to which he replied the following day that the answer was 'Yes'".

Quite apart from illegality. and impropriety, the agreement and payment of a £5 million success fee reflects a remarkably cavalier approach: to the use of Guinness funds: The indemnity protected Heron against both loss through a. fall in the share price and against carrying costs (ie, interest). Accordingly, Mr Saunders caused Guinness to agreeand pay to Heron a sum equivalent to 20 per cent of its capital outlay over and above the payment of conventional interest, though that capital was committed for only a very few months (much of it for much less), and was protected against any risk of loss.

Moreover, his agreement to a £5 million success fee sé cured for Mr Saunders only a. modest increase in the fire, power - perhaps in the region of £7 million. Mr Saunders was clearly so concerned to: obtain any possible further support for the Guinness share price in the last two weeks of the bid that he was little interested in the cost of such support. The attitude was, it seems, one of "win at

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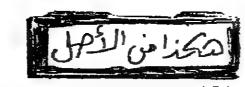
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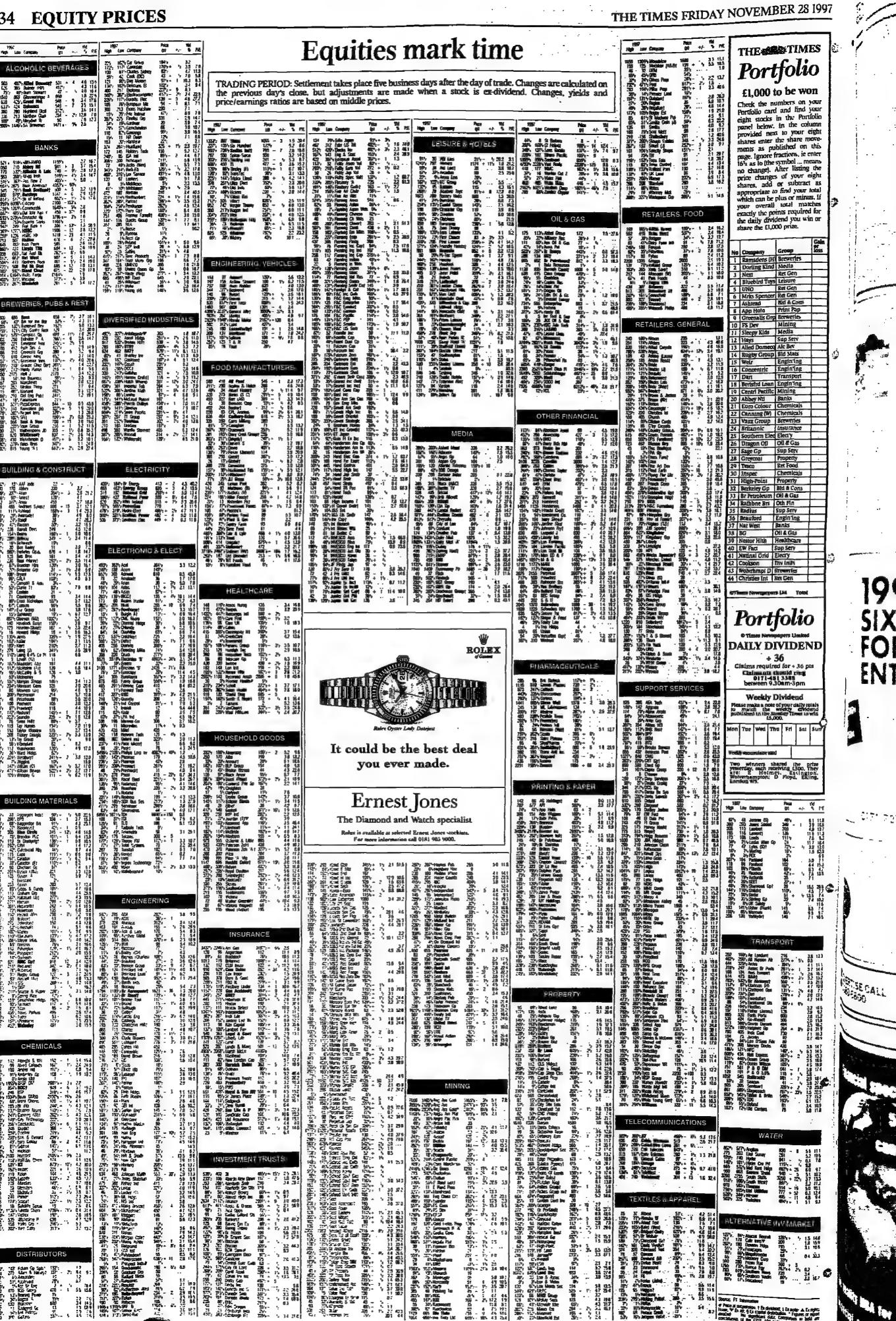
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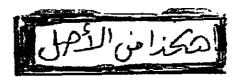


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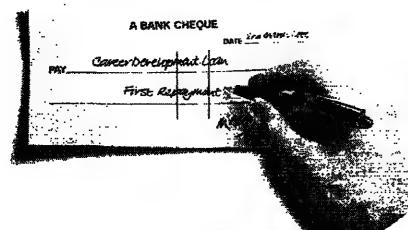
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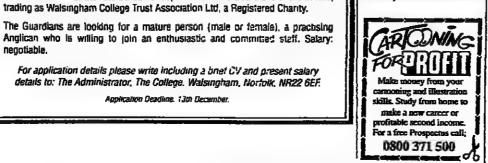
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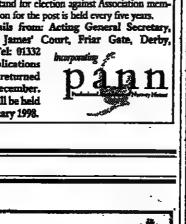
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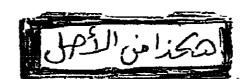
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EDUCATION

Are there too many appeals? Scene set for

O'Leary on girls' schools'

worries about A-level

reviews

arents could have been forgiven for feeling themselves the villains of the piece at this week's Girls Schools Association (GSA) conference, which ends in Bristoi today. The headlines have been

captured by their supposed mollycoddling of children and their role in encouraging eat-ing disorders because of aleged susceptibility to the rguments of food fetishists. The predicted apprehension of parents about the impact of partnerships with state schools was also among the chief concerns of Stephen. Byers, the Schools Minister.

Away from the conferenceplatform, however, headmistresses were worrying about another trait of the assertive customer, which some think could distort the educational the publicity over the success of challenges to A-level grading, and are demanding a econd opinion when results fall short of expectations.

Leading girls' schools are also calling for a review of A-level procedures because. they fear that pressure from parents to challenge grades is creating an appeals culture that threatens the credibility of the examination.

The number of appeals has risen sharply: the Associated Examining Board (AEB) reports a 32 per cent increase this year alone. Although only schools can challenge a result, the high success rate has encouraged parents to de-mand appeals, when univer-

sity places are at stake. GSA research found that its members had each challenged about 11 results last year. More than 350 of the 900 appeals covered by the survey were successful and only two

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ed to grades being reduced.

London-based members of. the GSA, which include several of the schools at the top of ast week's league tables, have demanded action to reduce the number of appeals and to tighten up marking enough to cut the proportion of candidates being upgraded. Clarissa Fair, Headmistress



On your marks: more and more parents are challenging A-level results when university places are at stake

Oueenswood School, in Hatfield, Hertfordshire, said: The volume of appeals is absolutely ridiculous and it is putting schools that cannotafford to appeal at an unfair disadvantage. If something is not some the whole credibility be in question."

Rosanne Randle, Headmis tress of Dame Alice Harpur School, Bedford, who chairs the GSA's education committee, said: "Five years ago head teachers would have resisted a parent's request to appeal unless they were absolutely certain that an injustice had been done, but they cannot be confident that grades will be confirmed. The uncertainty puts us in an invidious pos-ition, which needs to be addressed by the new qualifications authority."

Jacqueline Lang, the GSA's resident and Headmistress of Walthamstow Hall, in Sevencaks. Kent, said: "The problem is most serious in English but it is evident in all the subjects which involve essaywriting and opinions. It has got to the point where some schools feel they might as well appeal about everything. You cannot have a situation where you assume that the results are wrong until proved otherwise.

As well as costing some

students a place at their chosen university, schools' results are underestimated in the league tables. Mrs Lang said: 'A couple of extra grades can make all the difference to a

school's score." George Turnbull, a spokesman for the Assessment and Qualifications Alliance, which includes the AF are as concerned as the schools about the development of a culture in which appealing becomes the first port of call. The system was not designed to accommodate this sort of volume of inquiries. It was meant to be a safety net for people who had been expected to do very much better than

results Mr Turnbull said that most appeals could not result in grades being lowered, so schools feit they had nothing to lose. A levels were closely moderated, but some regrad-ing was inevitable if papers were re-marked, especially in

LOUISE NICHOL had set her heart on a place at Cambridge after surviving two days of tests and interviews at Girton College, All the needed were three top-grade A levels, John O'Leary writes.

Havant College, in Hampshire, was confident that she would get them, and the exams in English. French and Spanish went well. But her plans fell apart when the results arrived. She had dropped to a B in English, and Girton was oversubscribed with those who had met their targets.

"It seemed grossly un-fair," Louise said. "I had worked so hard to get the grades I thought I deserved. I was distraught when I got

Both the college and Louise's mother Sue, a teach er at St Paul's School. London, were so convinced that the grade was wrong that they launched an immediate appeal. The Associ-ared Examining Board agreed, but the amended result took eight weeks to come through, by which time Louise had started a languages degree at University College London.

Girton offered a place in 1998, but said Louise had missed too much of the course to be admitted this term. "Having a year off now would be such an upheaval," Louise said. "I'm not sure I could face another change, especially when I'm settled and enjoying the

Both Louise and her mother are angry that the process has cost her the chance of a Cambridge degree. "After two days of interviews and tests, I think the college had a far better picture of me than they could ever have got through A levels," Louise said. "Yet they were all that counted."

Sue Nichol said: "As a teacher, I see all the time how unpredictable A levels are in subjects like English, history and art. This is a typi-cal example of the student suffering when she has done everything right."

pay battle

teachers' pay rewiew body reportedly looked "horrified" earlier this month when local authority employers demanded a below inflation rise for next year.

The employers' call for a 25 per cent settlement was followed this week by an unprecedented "reminder" to public sector pay bodies from Gordon Brown, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, for pay restraint. Just weeks after the Gov

ernment launched a £10 million drive to promote the profession, teachers look like receiving their lowest pay rise for a decade. Classroom unions, which submit-ted a 10 per cent claim, predictably have accused ministers and employers of a topsy-turvy approach to raising morale and improv-ing the image of teaching. But employers argue that

the Government will fail to meet its pledge to reduce class sizes unless it awards a below-inflation rise. Moreover, they say there is no recruitment crisis.

Graham Lane, chairman of the National Employers' Organisation for School Teachers, says: Teacher recruitment is not a problem — there are 15 teachers chasing every job in Shef-field. There are no vacancies for head teachers in England. There have always been a few problem subject areas but you don't find more maths or modern language teachers by giving an above-inflation pay rise to all teachers."

The employers are known to be lobbying hard to have the pay review body itself scrapped. Mr Lane adds: "Teachers" pay has gone up by 100 per cent in ten years while inflation stands at 68 per cent. They have done better than anyone else in local government, including the police." He argues that more people would become trainee teachers if classes were smaller and working conditions better.

Doug McAvoy, general

Union of Teachers, says the review body should treat the Government's target for class limits of 30 for five, six and seven-year-olds separately from salary.

"If the Government does not get enough money from phasing out the Assisted Places Scheme to meet its class size targets, it has to find more money from somewhere else, not from teachers' pay," he says.

"Teachers will be angry if they have to pay for smaller classes. Mr Lane should be arguing for higher pay as well as smaller classes and



Brown: pay restraint

telling the Government to find the money." Mr Brown called the public sector pay review chair-men together on Tuesday to drive home his pay policy message. Head teachers sense that the intervention means the writing is on the wall for next year's pay round - and perhaps even for the future of the review body, which makes its rec-

ommendations in January. David Hart, general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, says: "This was an outrageous interference with the independence of the pay review body. I hope it will resist this pressure and make recommendations that are in the interests of the education service, even if they are not to the liking of the Government"

DAVID CHARTER

EDUCATIONAL

POSTGRADUATE COURSES

John Rae on a scheme to persuade parents of the benefits of boarding When boarding is best

he police investigation into child pornography which included raids on two boarding schools could not have been more badly timed for the Boarding Educa-

tion Alliance (BEA).
Its birth this week passed almost unnoticed after it sensibly decided, in consultation with its public relations advisers, on a low-key launch.

The aim of the BEA, which represents 180 schools, is to sell boarding education in an increasingly sceptical and shrinking market. The number of boarders in independent schools has fallen by 28 per cent in the past ten years: Boarding education may not be in terminal decline but it is no longer the preferred option for middle-class parents. High fees, the overriding impor-tance of academic qualifications and the stubborn image of dormitories where bullying goes unchecked, all help to convince parents that a good independent or maintained day school is the answer. Why spend £12,000 a year when you can have at least as good an education for half the price

or for nothing?
If the BEA is to be successful, it will have to persuade parents not only that the stubborn images are outdated but that the boarding experi-ence has something distinctive to offer.

The former should not be too difficult. There are boarding schools where change has been superficial - colour-coordinated curtains and bedspreads - but most have undergone profound changes. It is no longer true, for example, that bullying is more likely to flourish in a boarding than day school; on the contrary, the tighter pastoral structure of a good boarding school, including access to a counsellor, probably means that bullying is picked up and dealt with more quickly.



The film Another Country questioned the boarding idea

Persuading parents of the special quality of boarding should not be difficult; either. What is distinctive about boarding schools is not that they develop character and leadership but that they offer a fuller, more rounded educa-tion. In this they have three advantages over day schools: time, the availability of staff and the excellence of facilities. If an important part of education is to discover what you have an aptitude for and to be encouraged in that aptitude, a good boarding school provides opportunities that few day schools can match. As one parent said: "Boarding maxi-

mises the children's potential." Boarding schools also offer parents a wider choice. Small day schools are rare. Small boarding schools, such as St Anne's in Windermere or the even smaller New School in Dunkeld, that excel in helping the slower or "more fragile" child, are one of the strengths of the boarding sector. There are day schools, such as

George Watson's in Edin-burgh, that successfully integrate pupils who need learning support, but most of the good learning support units are in boarding schools.

or is it true that for academic excellence parents should look to the great urban day schools. The most successful school since A-level league tables were introduced is Winchester, a boarding school. Other boarding schools figure prominently in the upper reaches of these tables, despite having to fill beds as best they can. Manchester Grammar

School may have five candidates of equal ability for each place, but it is hard-pushed to compete academically with some of the girls' boarding schools that do not have that huxury. The less heric academic atmosphere of these boarding schools can deliver A-level results that are arguably more impressive than those of the day schools.

I am not suggesting that boarding schools are better than day schools or vice versa, just that boarding may suit some children better. The case for boarding is often expressed in terms of what suits different parents, both parents working, parents who live overseas. But boarding may also suit the child from a traditional family living two miles from the school, particularly over the period of adolescence.

The family is the theatre in which most young people act out the rites of passage, but boarding schools offer a legiti-mate alternative. The rebel-lious adolescent takes on the school rather than his or her parents. For two thirds of the year, the school absorbs the strain. That may suit some adolescents as much as it suits their parents.

In fact, it is the contemporary adolescent lifestyle that presents the boarding schools with their most difficult problem. By being more open to parents and allowing their pupils to have regular contact with home, boarding schools have encouraged the view that there should not be such a contrast between the lifestyle at home and the lifestyle at school. The BEA emphasises that boarding schools now try to "reproduce the lifestyle of home".

The more boarding schools try to reproduce the lifestyle of home, the more difficulties they may make for themselves. It would be a pity if just when boarding schools are dispelling outdated images and modernising so many aspects of their operation, they forget that one of the attractions of boarding school, for both parents and pupils, is that it is not like home.

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direction and your head in another, do you try to stand still? Clearly that would be biologically unwise. Your body would snap. But that is more or less the increase won't come from politiattitude of our museums and galleries to the vexed matter of admission charges.

Few people would raise a rousing cheer if charges were imposed by the institutions that still maintain free public entry. The heart says no. The evidence also says no. in the sense that most of it (though not all) suggests that attendances would decline.

Yet nobody would be chuffed if a national glory like the British Museum went bust. True, the BM's financial methods were. until recently, skimpy to the point of invisibility. The mummified Egyptians who line the BM's halls were certainly accustomed to less primitive accountancy procedures in their former lives.

Even so, the fact is that, even if it were better managed, the BM would probably still need to increase its income. Since that

The charge of the cobwebbed brigade

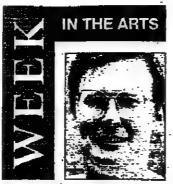
cians, it must come from punters, Therefore the head reluctantly says yes to charges. And not only at the BM, but at all institutions that have clung to free entry. The question now is, does head

or heart win? This week the "heart" brigade has been in full. hysterical cry. They suspect that a Labour Party which piously abhorred museum charges while in Opposition has now executed a Uturn. They are right to suspect. Labour will find not a penny more for culture. So, short of robbing the Peters of the performing arts to pay the Pauls of the museums, the Culture Secretary has no option but to be pragmatic. Next week he is likely to tell the museums to charge away, if that is what it takes to keep them in business.

Will that be sad? Again, the heart says yes. A few Saturdays ago I had an hour to kill in London

with my three children. We went to the National Gallery. The atmosphere was chaotic but exhilarating. Tots thronged round Turners, adolescent eyes grew saucer-wide at the fleshly exuberance of the randier Old Masters. No space for peaceful contemplation here - but my goodness, the place was alive.

You will guess my next sentence. We might not have dropped into the National Gallery on impulse if entry had involved the swift removal of £25. Nor would scores of other familes that day. Parting with serious money would have turned the whole thing into a bigdeal cultural expedition. I would have forced the kids to trudge round every damn canvas to get our tickets' worth. They would have made an Oedipal mental note to avoid Daddy's favourite art gallery for the rest of their lives. So I have some sympathy with those who argue that free muse-



ums foster cultural appreciation in . ways that are unquantifiable and subliminal. But isn't there a sleight-of-hand illogicality here? After all, it is just as important that I induct my children into the pleasures of the National Theatre,

Ground and Arsenal Football Club. Each is as much part of our cultural heritage as the National Gallery. Yet I don't expect the family to get in free.

That is why I object to the

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gallons of sentimental tosh in the newspapers this week. A turnstile at the BM does not signal the end of civilisation. It might just help to preserve it. Nor will it "discourage working class people". Alton Towers is packed with ordinary. folk who pay a hefty wedge to get in. The fact is that the public is attracted by atmosphere, imagination, excitement, friendliness and good marketing, not by free entry.
Some of the world's greatest
museums charge for entry and are packed. Other are free but as lively as morgues at midnight. Indeed, without any financial pressure to pull in punters, curators easily settle into cobwebbed old ways.

Which raises another point. At the last count, Britain had 2,500 museums, some of them staffed with hundreds of curators, guards and administrators. Is the huge expansion of the past 20 years (now intensified by lottery handouts) satisfying a genuine demand, or the empire-building lusts of curators? Is the public being taken for a genteel ride? If so, the case for free admission becomes even weaker. Let the bracing gale of market forces blow away the duds.

The trouble is that museum directors are too busy manning the barricades to think positively about the advantages of admission charges. Yes, chaps. advantages. For instance, the museums should study the tactics of English Heritage. After you have visited one of their castles, you are offered a membership deal that gets you into all the others. What's

that day is refunded.

It's clever marketing. Britain's museums should be uniting to devise something similar. The Dutch already have. And they should be concocning deals with the tourist trade, so that foreign visitors are sold comprehensive museum passes as part of their travel packages.

In short, instead of clinging to paternalistic Victorian ideals, museums should be planning how to compete with the myriad leisure attractions of the 21st century. They urgently need to revolutionise their marketing, inject some thrills into their displays, invest in kiddie gripping interactive tech-nology, exploit their collections on the Internet. To do that they need money. Admission charges will supply it. Nothing else will.

But in their present siege mentality, museum bosses won't admit this. What a pity. We will waste years in argument and financial turmoil, and then end up with admission charges anyway. But that's British cultural life for you.

THEATRE: One of the National's most successful plays has upset disabled people, Sue Corbett reports. Plus reviews



Owen Sharpe, Ruaidhri Conroy and Aisling O'Sullivan in the National's production of The Cripple of Inishmaan: disabled people say they were upset that the central figure was the butt of so many jokes

National Theatre's way next Tuesday. Its 1996-97 staging of Martin McDonagh's The Cripple Of Inishmaan is expected to receive a Raspberry Ripple Award for the year's worst theatre portrayal of a disabled person. This, and other awards for best and worst purtrayals of disabled people in the arts and media, will be made by the I in 8 Group, which lobbies against disabled people (one in eight of the population) being seen as trag-ic. evil. heroic or comic, rather

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disabled man, who had begun

than as part of ordinary life. The embarrassment to the since I in 8 and the theatre have generally been on friendly terms. The National's former artistic director. Sir Richard Eyre, had even offered the group free use of one of his foyers for next Tuesday's ceremony, an offer it turned

televise the awards. "But the Raspberry Ripple Awards are not meant to be heavy," says Susie Burrows, the 1 in 8 spokeswoman. "We are not intending to castigate the Nat-ional. We are just giving people a chance to think about

Nevertheless the group, which sent out 5,500 ballot

to think the audience would laugh at him if he went to the bar, felt compelled to stay in his seat at half-time. People were upset by the play because the disabled character was the butt of so many jokes, says Richard Reiser, the Raspberry Ripple (rhymes with cripple) co-ordinator. "The play was supposedly educative, but when I saw it the audience was joining in laughing at the disabled per-

> been uproar." A snatch of the McDonagh's dialogue illustrates what Reiser means: "What would I

wiggle down the street.

broken wrist?

There's only one problem. The accident

looks too good to be true and, in the two-

faced way in which everyone in Madrid

seems to interact in David Planell's new

play, Hassan has been asked to re-shoot it

or lose out. Problem: can they reassemble

the original cast? Can Anton do it with his

The appeal of Planell's three-hander is

almost entirely in the relish with which he

draws his characters. Nicholas Woodeson

needs little more than a suit to turn

himself into the tight-fisted 55-year-old

Arab bosinessman, Hassan, who scorns

his Moroccan roots and systematically

humiliates his disgrumted young neph-

ew, Rashid (dutifully played by Nitzan

Sharron) for hanging out with "Moors"

after his epic 16-hour shifts. "Work is for

son's expense. If you'd put a black man in such a role, with

racist jokes, there would have

cripple-boy for?" one character asks. "It isn't out walking you'd be anyways, it would be out shuffling, because you

can't walk."

"Eyre had told me they had a play coming up that I wouldn't like because of the title," Reiser says. "He was right. The word cripple is gratuitously offensive. The assumption presumably was that the audience was sophisticated enough to say: 'Oh, we don't use that word." But that's not true. We're not at that

stage.
"In fact, the title was the least of our worries. The play did not in any way enhance issues, and what is the theatre if it does not change and inform attitudes? These are some of the ideas we'd like to take forward now with Richand Eyre's successor."

The able-bodied teenage actor Ruaidhri Conroy received want to go out walking with a glowing reviews for his acting

many of the qualities we wanted. We would have seen him except that he turned out no longer to be available."

For Reiser, that is unacceptin the title role. But disabled actors complain that this able. "Until theatres like the National start casting disabled robbed them of their best stage opportunity for years. "I can't believe the National couldn't

people in more minor roles, people are not going to have the experience to come find a disabled actor," says Jamie Beddard, who has cerethrough and do major parts. bral palsy and performs with the Tottering Bipeds Com-pany. "If able-bodied actors We need cross-casting, as ap-plies now with black actors. Disabled actors shouldn't have to play stereotypes."

Meanwhile, smaller comget to play disabled roles, why doesn't the reverse happen?"

panies seem to be taking the The National's casting director, Serena Hill. lead. It is good news that Tottering Bipeds is on the 1 in 8 explains her difficul-ty: "It wasn't clear shortlist for best theatre production of 1997, "for casting until we got to rehearsals Jamie Beddard in a leading exactly what the character's disability would be. But the role in Waiting for Godot, and making his impairment an age (17 to 18), the soul of this integral part of the man, and the fact that he production".

There was a disabled actor on

my initial list; he was too old

really for the part, but he had

• If you want to help 1 in 8 to monitor portrayals of disabled people for next year's awards, write to them at 78 Mildmay Grove, London NI 4PI, enclosing SAE. The Raspberry Ripple Awards ceremony will be shown by Chan-al 4 on Madmedy as 11 forms. nel 4-on Wednesday at 11.50pm

Breaks into past. It's a pretty hopeless piece of ballast. When it is discovered that Hassan is

should be authentically Irish

- were clear. Those were the

wise, it was going to be hard to

find an actor that young with

once we'd seen Ruaidhri.

"There wasn't any contest

the right experience.

priorities. Disabled or other-

IT'S showtime in the stockroom of Hassan's bazaar in a suburb of Madrid. His video clip has been tipped for a top five slot on the Spanish television equivalent of You've Been Framed. There's laughter serious money at stake and some vindication for the hapless star, a sleazy opportunist called Anton who broke his wrist and illattened a gypsy when he crashed his bike while watching a blonde

> fish fingers," muses Adrian Edmondson's Anton cheerfully.

This is the second of three staged pieces

Ambassadors

in the Royal Courts New European Writers' Season and what is already becoming apparent is how fiendishly difficult it is to appropriate the work of these young writers without erasing the context. But John Clifford's translation makes a difficult script sound easy.

Cultural differences between characters swell like variouse veins as the 20-second video clip takes 12 hours to reconstruct. Potentially interesting flashpoints are set up, but they give way to crude comedy when the video veers farcically out of control. It's probably a saving grace.

Planell tries to put an undue amount of moral weight into the bottom end of his script by getting Rashid to lecture Hassan on the danger of being estranged from his

prepared to get on TV at all costs, Bazaar suddenly becomes bizarre. Roxana Silbert's production tilts alarmingly one way then the other, before lurching to an unexpectedly wholesome stop.

The most successful moments are the delicious, incidental off-stage details. Anton, we hear, fails to hit any of his mattresses. Sounding eerily like Alison Steadman in Abigail's Party, Edmondson's newly smashed-up stuntman emerges triumphant for a final round of tactless observations. Something far darker and more desperate is demanded of Edmondson at this point, but it escapes him completely. Woodeson has little more success as a reborn Moor, and Sharron's Rashid has the unenviable task of playing the conscience of the piece. But it is not the ending that will be remembered, it is the endearing way Planell's play got there without crutches.

JAMES CHRISTOPHER

A very modern * monster

A PRISON warder calls Roberto Zucco, who has just killed his father, an example of "sheer evil" and "a wild. violent, animal bastard". But the speaker belongs to the same law-and-order system that proceeds to threaten a harmless young woman with violence in a "torture chamber". Later the same girl's brother, enraged that Zucco has raped her, also calls the criminal "evil". Yet his own next move is to sell his sister to a local pimp. What is going on in the unnamed but recognisably French city where Bernard-Marie Koltes set the play he finished just before he died of an Aids

related disease in 1989? If a radical British dramatist of that era had penned Roberto Zucco, the answer would have been pretty clear. A corrupt, hypocritical capi-talist society created a kilier who, as it turns out, manages also to knock off his mother, a policeman and a child. But Koltes's ideology is not so glib, nor his diagnosis so neat.
Roberto Zucco — a real-life

knowing why.
That's what makes the charmodern and terrifying

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ing across the stage threaten-ing to beat up whoever has hidden his booze and violent policemen, tarts and bouncers also making their weight felt. Koltes's metropolis has the random, chaotic feel of Howard Korder's New York or the London of our own young

scenes that few late-20th-century pessimists have bettered, prime among them one where an armed Roberto holds hostage Diana Kent's socialite and her son. It is not just that she clearly finds the experience an exhibarating release from boredom. It is that the violence occurs to the accompaniment of a chorus of onlookers, voyeurs interested only in bickering about their own roles in the crisis. It's awful, funny and true. So is the play.

murderer and suicide emerges as an end-of-millen. nium version of Büchner's Woyzeck: a zonked boy who blunders about wreaking havoc without wanting to or

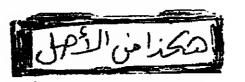
> acter and the play interesting and disturbing. You believe his mother when, just before he strangles her, she says that Roberto has been "good for 24 years". You believe those who call him gentle and sweet. because, as Zubin Varia plays the role, there is always some thing vulnerable, earnest and baffled about him. He seems to be without motive, at times without identity. When people ask him his name, he has genuine trouble remembering. He is uncategorisable.

I don't think Koltes comes anywhere near proving Zucco's contention that, if the right switch were pressed, we would "all start murdering each other". But, helped by Martin Crimp's delt translation and James Macdonald's stark, sinister production at Stratford's Other Place, he certainly creates an unsettling atmosphere. The world has shrunk to a corridor of grey light peopled by the frustrated and the bewildered, the angry and the despairing. Little Wonder that Zucco babbles into a phone about wanting to be reincarnated as a stray dog; little wonder there is nobody at the other end. With a drunken father reel-

chroniclers of urban ennui. But there are one or two

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE





Rejoice! Rejoice! Britpop is dead

The whole thing about euphoria is that you are only supposed to sample it in tiny nips and delicious sips. It is finger food, not something you could live off, lest your stomach turn to acid. It needs to be augmented with progress, achievement, reflection. knowledge and something stodgy and carbohydratey, like work. Britpop, which was played entirely on one emotional note - cocaine-induced

euphoria — was always des-

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tined to have a short life. It has dated horribly. Anything promoted on Britpop iconography seems almost sepia-tinted and lame in the dying moments of 1997. The Spice Girls - Union Jack dresses, Great British crisps, the tabloid version of Britpop come across as exhausted kitsch dinosaurs. The big-Pulp comeback single, Help the Aged, went in at only No 9. Echobelly and Sleeper always the limping, lionfodder antelopes in the Britpop herd - have both

released catastrophically unsuccessful albums. Supergrass, despite making one of the best albums of the year, have seen it sell dismally in the backlash. Black Grape are no longer something you'd get excited about. Blur have distanced themselves entirely from Britpop.
And Oasis? Well, they are

the state

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hardly dead in the water, having sold three million copies of Be Here Now, but the thrill has gone. When Chris Evans -- not the most intellechually gifted of men, but one able to sniff out a cultural trend the way rats can scent a dropped Big Mac from 800 yards - tried, and failed, to resuscitate a copy of Be Here Now with defibrillators on TFI Friday, he got it bang on. Britpop is dead.

The real story behind Britpop explains why it could

The jig is up, the hype exposed, and now Oasis, Pulp and the rest

will have to do a proper job

never have lasted that long. Back in 1993, the British lectivism, or a groundswell of new noise, but conceived in the sterile petri dish of press music industry was in serious trouble. Although it was, as it has always been. Britain's and marketing, and weaned third biggest grosser, the trend was definitely down-The coke euphoria lasted ward. Grunge had made Brittwo years, and spawned ridic-ulous claims on behalf of ish bands seem hopelessly out

only British acts that were selling were the old Collins, Pink Floyd and one-hit or two-hit wonder dance artists. The industry hated and artists — impossible to promote, short shelf-life, no personalities to

off, and completely

of date and provincial to the

international market, and the

MORAN

alienating for any one over the age of 30. So when Suede came along. cordurgy trousers full of credibility, frontman voluble and photogenic, and musical ref-Kate Bush) that got the overthirties buying, a lightbulb appeared over the heads of the industry. Suede came from the "indie" world, so maybe there was more of this lovely marketable stuff in the

finally got a big promotional push. But not the weirder stuff, not sonic experimentalists Spiritualized, or the Krautrock balladeering of Julian Cope, or the crimplene futurism of Stereolab; just the retro, comfortingly familiar guitar bands.

And so Britpop was

ago you had Great Britain, which is hilarious if you think about it. Can you imagine a Great Joelano?

Britain's peak was indeed in the late Victorian/early Edwardian years. The Sixties were a small economic and cultural blip. And anyway, as hippy dress was based on Edwardian clothing, even the Sixties were an exercise in

As Britpop was, in the main, nostalgia for the Sixties it was, at root, another Britpop — that London was mournful longing for the days the coolest city on earth (Reykjavik or New York, surenance. This was why cocaine ly); that England was so integral to Britpop. was swinging once Cocaine allows you to believe that you are living in the best llpm); and that Britain had assertof all possible times, in the best of all possible countries; ed its "rightful" place as the crerather than accepting that we are down the global economic ative focus of the table and creatively behind the American East Coast hip hop collectives. This was the cocaine talking it more than the

more. The Beatles isted in the Nineties. John Lennon would have shrunk from taking out a pressed by Mod haircuts and student loan and gone to work on a building site to earn cash. Paul McCartney would have been on a Restart scheme filing papers in a solicitors'

Britpop was a little, local thing, but we had to pretend it was the biggest news since the Moon landings because to admit that it was merely the 19th most exciting cultural trend in the past ten years would have been to lose face.

of Princess Diana that finally put Britpop into perspective. That was global interest in Britain. Britpop, by comparison, was akin to the retirement of Humphrey the Downing Street cat. And now it is over. What comes next is



It's no use begging, Jarvis Cocker; you and the rest of Pulp have had your day. The Britpop bubble has burs

Tears in spades for the queen of hearts

it. While Bhur, Oa-

sis et al were sell-

ing well in Japan and Europe,

America was roundly unim-

youthful recycling of the Beatles' back-catalogue — and without breaking the Ameri-

can market no act or move-

ment can claim to be a global

Still, the teeth-grinding hy-perbole rolled on. Oasis's gig

at Knebworth in 1996 prompt-

ed an editorial in the NME

claiming that Noel was "the king of the world", on the

basis that he was the "most

important man in Britain".

This was ridiculous wishful

As Björk explained in a recent interview: "All cultures

the Romans and the Egyp-

tians and the English and the

Americans — they all have climaxes, and they just want to stay there. A hundred years

cultural force.

VARIOUS ARTISTS: Diana, Princess of 🦈

(The Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund Ltd.

VVR1001052; two discs £18.99 DOUBTLESS we all hold her memory dear. And many charities will benefit from this musical "celebration of the life and work of Diana. Princess of Wales". But any album that includes a few new songs and a lot of old ones from Sir Cliff Richard, Sir Paul McCartney. Rod Stewart, Barbra Strei sand, Celine Dion, Michael Jackson, Queen, Whitney Houston, Mariah Carey, Bry-an Ferry, Diana Ross, the Bee Gees, George Michael, Tina Turner, Toni Braxion with Kenny G, Gloria Estefan and Michael Bolton, most of them in full, power-ballad battlecry, is going to tax the capacity for sentimental gush of even the most respectful listener.

There are songs which, in a less oppressive context, one would not hesitate to describe as great: Eric Clapton's Tears in Heaven, R.E.M.'s Every-body Hurts, Passengers & Pavarous's Miss Sarajevo, the Spice Girls' Mama, and a

Dirban Hymns

Like You Do.,

White on Blonde Backstreet's Back .

TOP TEN ALBUMS

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so much emotion leaves premusical nuance or an individual response to these songs. The contributions merge into one long, stage-managed cri de coeur from the pop estabas a nice pot of tea.

GARTH BROOKS

(Capitol 56599 £19.49) HIS previous album, Fresh Horses, was judged to have performed poorly because it sold "only" four million copies in America, and the corporate structure of Capitol Records had to be altered to his satisfaction before he would allow the record company to release Sevens. But despite wielding phenomenal clout and a business brain as sharp

In the Sun, with the simple, love be with you, always."

cious little room for either lishment that, for all its good intentions, is about as stirring

as a man-trap, Garth Brooks still purveys in his music the homespun wisdom of a simple country boy on the make.

"Listen not to the critics/Who put their own dreams on the shelf", he warns in How You Ever Gonna Know, a typically aspirational song about fol-lowing your star. "Heaven's not beyond the clouds/it's just beyond the fear", he sings in Belleau Wood, a dirge about a Christmas Day truce between First World War troops.

If the greetings-card sentiments tend to grate, Brooks still has an unusual flair for harnessing the old-fashioned virtues of country music to the bland commercial appeal of mainstream American rock. At its best, the formula produces the sprightly western swing of Longneck Bottle. But too often the result is mawkish country-rock hybrids in which the music lacks conviction and the mood is bathed in croco-

VARIOUS ARTISTS Chemical Reaction (Afrodesia Music AFRCD01

£9.99) IT IS no accident that the Chemical Brothers have done more than any other act, bar the Prodigy, to introduce hardcore dance music to the rock mainstream. Although unmistakably of the moment,

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the Chemicals' propulsive drum sound is one with which lovers of the great funk and

> readily identify. Their influence in the dance world can be gauged by the way in which other artists have emulated their hard, choppy "big beat" style. And on Chemical Reaction a bunch of rare Chemical Broth-

ers mixes dating back to 1993 of songs including Primal Scream's Jailbird. Leftfield's Open Up and Saint Etienne's Like a Motorway are seam-lessly interspersed with cuts by British underground acts such as Depth Charge (Shaolin Buddha Finger), Aphrodite (Aphromoods) and Dirty Beatniks (Don't Stop). The sound of these various

artists is so compatible you would think it was the Chemi-cals at the helm the whole way through, although, ironically. the best drum track is by the ber Uncivilized World, a brutish funk shakedown of surpassing energy and

SQUAREPUSHER

A COMPILATION of 12 untiintroduction to the maverick genius of Tom Jenkinson, the 22-year-old bass player and programmer from Chelmsford otherwise known as Squarepusher.

Although his audience com-

prises devotees of drum and bass and other forms of modem electronica, Jenkinson's outrageously fast and fluent bass playing style is redolent of 1970s jazz fusionists. Jenkinson is also the only musician I have come across who will programme a drum machine to play a swing ride cymbal pattern and Elvin Jones-style snare and bassdrum breaks - as he does here on Track 7 - before plastering a disco bass line and old-fashioned electric piano sound on top. It's a delirious, free-form, yet highly

evolved concection. DAVID SINCLAIR

had it easy. Nervous breakdowns, creative blackouts and critical maulings may be oc-cupational hazards when you are in a rock'n'roll band, but the death last year of keyboard player Rob Collins in a

(Warp WARPCD 53 £14.49) road accident was a tragedy that took the story beyond the The band contemplated packing it in there and then, persevered. To their eternal credit, they returned reinvigo-rated and with a renewed

> their career earlier this year. the chart-topping Tellin' Stories. As their resilience has grown, so has their fan base, with this sell-out show at the Olympia marking the opening night of a tour that finishes next month in the 12,000-capacity Docklands Arena in London. But this is an altogether more intimate setting - a theatre, not an amphitheatre, albeit one with the seats removed - and there was a

sense of purpose, releasing

the most assured album of

real warmth in the audience's greeting of the band that was then channelled directly into the group's performance. With No Shoes is followed

directly by North Country

Frauds to have faith in

LIVE GIG Olympia, Dublin

Singer Tim Burgess either struts and swaggers around the stage, or else he stays put, his dreamy vocals delivered with one hand in his pocket as though he were waiting for the bus.

music. The Charlatans are very much a group effort, as opposed to being merely a frontman with four sidekicks. An assertive rhythm section. the wah-wah wail of Mark Collins's guitar and the tempestuous Wurlitzer of new keyboard player Tony Rogers all combined to strike up a soulful blues-inflected rock groove redolent of the Rolling

Stones circa Sympathy for the Devil and, as has been noted once or twice, the Stone

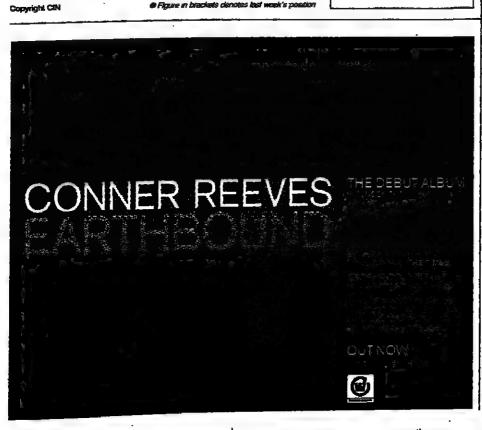
But if it's true that the

Charlatans initially rode in the slipstream of their Northern brethren's success when they first appeared in 1990, they have stayed true to their vision and resisted the term tation to be blown off course by the fickle winds of fashion There are signs of a slight stylistic shift: a gloriously inept one note barmonica break is pure Bob Dylan and there are flashes of Led Zeppelin in some of the guitar riffs. But mostly the Charletans stick to what they know

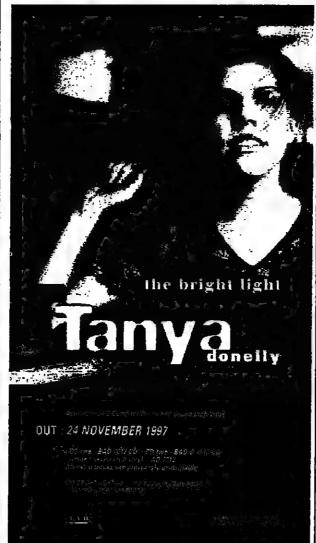
The blustering organ and shimmering guitars of Weirdo, the full-throttle boogie of Just When You're Thinkin' Things Over and, during the encores, a floor shaking version of How High are all evidence of a band in complete command of its art.

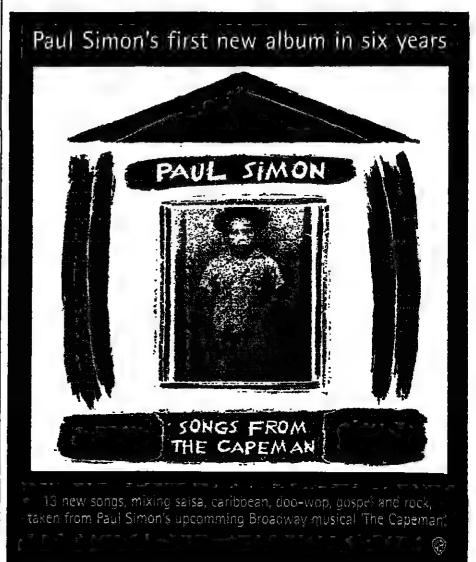
The Christmas lights on stage suggested a band in an upbeat, celebratory mood. Who can blame them? On this form they have got a lot to smile about.

NICK KELLY



.... John Lennon (Parlophone)





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HAMILET Also Jennings plays the Prince in Matthew Warchus's production up from Strettord. With Derbrile Crotty as Opnetia, Paul Friedman as Caudius Berblean, Sik Street, London ECZ 00171-638 88911, Previews hom tonight, 7

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No 5 Festival Hati South Bank, SE1 (0171-960 4242) Tonight and Sun, 7 30pm (2) ELSEWHERE

EDINBURGH Russell Hunter plays the title role in James Duthie's Greta. His rusco becomes the first saleswoman at Petertuad fish market, while he charters

T BAZAAR. A Moroccan immigrant in

☐ BAZAAR, A Moroccan minigrant in Spain longs to become lamous in David Planeli's play, part of the New European Witting season With Adhan Edmondson Nican Sharron and Nicholas Woodeson See review, p. 38, Royal Court Upstairs (Ambassadors), West St, WC2 (0171-565 5000) Tongini and tomorrow. 8pm, in rep

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and Norman Rossington Deminion Totterham Couri Road, W1 (0171-416 6060) Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mst

THE BOYS IN THE WAND MAN

Crowley's ground-breaking gay play from 1968 now something of a period

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splurge-guns in the spoof gangsteil musical derived from Alan Parker's

musical derived from Aran Parker's move Jeremy Taylor directs Queena, Shafesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5041) Mon-Bat, 7 30 (No 21 8 15pm), mats Wed and Sat 2 30pm Until Jan 10

THE CHAIRS, Richard Byers and

Gerations Net Ewan play the ancient couple waring for their important guests in lonesco a celebrated "Imago fare". Serion McBurney directs for Complicite

II BEAUTY AND THE BEAST Disnay's film turned into a hit Broadway musical Juse-Alanan Bioghtan and Alasdair Harvey as the leads, with



WEEKEND CHOICE

A daily guide to arts

and entertainment compiled by Marit Hargie

about his Camaby Street fashion

boutique long ago. John Tiftany directs what is said to be an extraordinary play

about an ordinary lamily.

Traverse, Cambridge Street
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programme at the lestinal this weekend offers dance as well as music. Tonight, at the Lawrence Bettley Theatre (7 30pm) the Richard Alston Denos Company

MUDDERTERELO: A packet

Joanna MacGregor, at the Huddersfield Festival

THEATRE GUIDE

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de CHICABO Recent version of the original form of the original directed by Waller Bobbie. A multi-Tony writter on Broadway last year Starring Ruthe Hershalk, Ute Lemper, Henry Goodman and Nigel Planer. Adelphil. Strand, London WC2 (0171-344 0055). Mon-Sat, Spm. mats Wed and Sat, 2 30pm. E. A GRAND HIGHT DUT WINNER and Gromit take to the stage for Christmas, pursued to London by the

on minings Paucock Theetire, Portugal Street, off Kingarisy, WC2 (0171-494 5090), Mon-Set. 7.30pm; mat Set. 3pm. CAN IDEAL HARBAND Perum of Peter Hali's enjoyable production, brimiul of deceptions. Staming Martin Shevr, Simon Ward and Kare O'Mere.

THE INVENTION OF LOVE Tom Stoppard's new play with John Wood as

the elderly A. E. Housman, careful to heep his love life private, unlike Oscar Wilde, who also appears. Paul Physi plays the young Housman Mattenat (Convision). Bouth Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252) §B. Tonight and tomorrow, 7 30pm; mail temorrow. 2 30pm in rep.

and Xanaka. Tomorrow at the Town Hall (7-30cm) the BBC Philliammonic Orchestra, the New London Chamber Chor and the University of Huddersfield Chorus Under Charles Zacharle

Bornstein perform works including UK

Owng to Xenaks's long lines the programme for the concading concert of the festival the London Sinfonletta's 75th birthday

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(Town Hall, 7.30pm), has been changed, Instead of the concerno scheduled, the percussionist Evelyn

estival, (01484 425082)

Glennie will now perform a shorter work, Ornega, by Xenakos. Further UK crisiga, by Alexans. Pulliar OA premisras, by Wiler Bouchara, David del Puanto and Pascal Dusapin complete the evening. Marcus Stenz conducts. His Identifiabl Contramporary Music

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Jeremy Herrison plays the Pirete King and Paul Bentley the Major General West Torteston Paymone, The Quarry, HR Mount, Leeds (0113-244 2111). Previews from tomorrow

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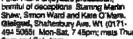
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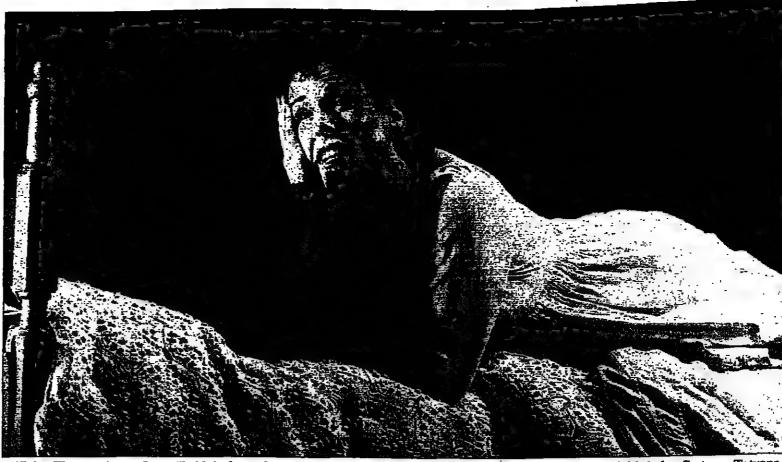
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All this, and voices too

ulia Hollander's threeyear-old production of Tchaikovsky's opera has been substantially recast, relit and redirected, and is immeasurably improved. There are some easily eradicable over-busy effects, but this is now a more than respectable framework for regular revivals of a standard reper-

On Wednesday it was graced by two outstanding performances. Vivian Tierney is an intensely physical per-former with body language as expressive as that of a dancer - more than once she was uncannily reminiscent of Fonteyn as Juliet. The set of her head on one of the most eloquent necks in the business. an arm movement, or a

minute change of facial expression all tell you with uncomforable precision about Tatyana's feelings at any given mament

Add to this singing that is equally expressive, with sensitively shaped musical lines emerging through radiant tone and crystal-clear diction. and in an opera largely about strength of feeling you have a performance of almost unbearable intensity. Her Letter Scene held the house breathless, with much furtive fumbling for handkerchiefs. And this is her first Tatyana: what her portrayal will be like in five years hardly bears think-

The second winner is Neill Archer, for some years an accomplished and likeable artist, but one who with his first Lensky takes the Great Leap

Forward. Again, his body language suggests far more than just the wispy romantic poet; there's an egotistical sulkiness as well, and his sitting, half-slumped, in profile before his aria speaks volumes about the tragedy of self-awareness, too late. His tenor has filled out a

great deal, and rang out excitingly in the few big moments - all manner of bigger roles are now within his reach but it was his rapt soft singing in succulent half-voice that gripped the imagination.

Beside these two the American baritone Andrew Schroeder, making his UK debut after successes on the Continent and America, seemed oddly underpowered, almost anonymous - one suspected an unannounced indisposition. His Onegin simply wasn't "big" enough, of voice or personality, for the house.

But with contributions of the stature of John Connell (the sonorous Gremin), Nuala Willis (another very "physical" performer as the Nurse), Christine Rice (the bouncy too bouncy? - Olga) and Mark Richardson in the tiny role of Zaretsky, there was plenty of weight-making from the ensemble.

Far be it from anyone to criticise a conductor from St Petersburg in this of all op-eras, but Alexander Polia-nichko certainly doesn't hurry; when he's giving space for artists like Tierney and Archer to expand into, it works well, but elsewhere his reading can hang fire.

There is a beastly outbreak of coy ballet in the first act that has to go, and John Graham Hall is encouraged to turn Triquet's aria into a three-act operetts. And I'm not too sure about the materialisation of "the spectre of my murdered friend" in St Petersburg. But if it can accommodate performances as unmissable as Tierney's and Archer's, then Hollander's production will

RODNEY MILNES

CONCERTS: Sibelius symphony cycle bears repetition; harmonious birthday celebrations

Calm before the storm

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NO JUSTIFICATION is ever needed for a cycle of Sibelius symphonies. The great Finn's symphonic achievement stands equal to that of Beethoven and Bruckner. But if any doubts still lingered about the London Symphony Orchestra's decision to mark the Barbican's Finnish festival with a repeat cycle, rather than by exploring fresh aspects of that country's musical richness, they were swept away in the penultimate concert of the series.

And "swept" is the right word: Colin Davis and the orchestra have built up considerable momentum as the cycle has progressed. Here, Davis unfolded the Sixth Symphony so seamlessly that each movement's sudden end crept up surprisingly fast. But he also caught

the screnity of the music, although never at the expense of its natural flow. The melancholy that characterises most of Sibelius's music is transformed radiant performance.

By contrast, the Seventh had an almost spiritual solemnity. Davis adopted broad tempos, enabling the orchestra to revel in the dense textures of the score; but the slow, unstoppable force of their account led with complete logic to the resolution of this single span of music, a dignified close that makes one realise why Sibelius was unable to continue into his projected Eighth Symphony.

The underlying calm of these works is far removed from the despair of the Violin Concerto, especially when it is performed as tempestuously as here by Anne-Sophie Mutter. She began on a thread of tone, but soon abandoned her characteristic poise to play with fervour. Perhaps she dug too angrily into the finale, but anything less intense would have seemed anti-climactic after the first two movements.

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shapes the music's inner voices as well as its dominant melodic line, which made for an eloquent slow movement after an almost martial scherzo. Anne O'Byrne, an Irish soprano, added a silvery top line to Christine Cairns, Justin Lavender and Robert Hayward as the other accomplished soloists.

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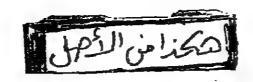
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Michael Kuhn, the man behind Bean and Four Weddings, now wants to take on the world. Interview by Raymond Snoddy

ichael Kuhn is eagerly look-ing forward to the glitzy London premiere at the Odeon Leicester Square on Tuesday of PolyGram's latest movie, The Borrowers. He has no idea whether it will make anything like as much money as PolyGram's biggest hit, Four Weddings and a Funeral, or pack them in as unexpectedly in America as Rowan Atkinson's Bean is now doing. But it is an important departure for the company all the company

"It's our first real special-effects movie — and all made here — and I think it's come out just great and we are very hopeful for it. We are going to give it a big push in America. It's like a major Disney aunch, says the 49-year-old Cambridge educated lawyer, who

now spends most of his ite in Hollywood mixing

The Borrowers, a Working Title Films production - like Four. Weddings and Bean - is an adventure story for

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For PolyGram the happenings offscreen on The Borrowers are almost as important as the quality of the special effects. The \$30 million movie is being backed by full-scale Hollywood marketing costs, worldwide distribution and lavish parties featuring the outsized props

No opportunity is being missed to line up commercial tie-ins with all the domestic products borrowed or used. When the little borrowers are trapped in the family refrigerator, the attention to detail incudes the inclusion of Dreyer's American icecream, "You have to think of these things way, way in advance but this is what you have to do if you want to be competitive in America," says Kuhn, executive vice-president of PolyGram and president of

PolyGram Filmed Entertainment. His target is the \$40 billion annual world cinema market; making small cultural films is not the way to reach it and he regards the agonising by critics over what is or is not a British film as completely ridiculous and stupid. As Kuhn sees it, the issue is: "How can we repatriate to the UK as much production as possible and how can we make Europe have at least one or two studios that are able to compete with Hollywood?"

The battle, he believes, is not just about winning Oscars but the power that the content conveys. Movies are one of the determinant factors behind who controls cable and satellite television - and the world of 200-channel digital television already launched in America and due to begin in the UK in late spring.

The PolyGram chief has been trying to persuade the European Commission to create a 100 to 200 million ecu film-guarantee fund, which he believes could generate a billion ecus of European

production money.
With his colleague Stewart Till, Kuhn has also been trying to persuade the British Government to prod the City into creating a currency-hedge fund to even Hollywood film-makers.

If the pound goes up to \$1.70, producers are going to go off to Marra-kesh. If it goes down to \$1.40 it's great to film in England, and Pinewood seams," says Kuhn.

pean film industry, topping the US film charts and bringing in revenues of \$1 billion a year would have seemed as likely as a 4m iamily living under the

floortewatis. It has been a ten-year process of slowly building PolyGram Filmed Entertainment and making sure that the inevitable "turkeys" didn't lose too much: the organisation has painful corporate memories of PolyGram's disastrous foray into movies in the 1970s.

For Kuhn, the key was reading My Indecision is Final, requiem to a former high-flying British film company. Goldcrest, by Terry Ilott and Jake Eberts. There Kuhn found what he considered to be the blueprint for setting up a

doing things differently from Goldcrest in every respect. Kuhn decided it was essential both to have serious capital to compete in the Hollywood league - \$1 billion to \$2 billion over time - and to possess your own distribution system; otherwise, even when you have a hit, most of the profit

Hollywood studio without the real estate,

leaks out to middlemen. "It was also implied in the book that there are two businesses in film, there are cultural films and there are Hollywood films, and the business is really Hollywood films. If you don't make that



PolyGram's Michael Kuhn: making small, quaintly British cultural films will not conquer the world markets

trouble," says Kuhn.

From the business point of view, PolyGram's competitive advantage turned out to be its ability to adapt its international record-distribution network to distribute films.

it has still been a hard struggle over ten years with, even now, no absolute certainty of success.

or his first project, Kuhn asked some people he knew in Los Angeles to make, for \$1 million, a film that featured a car chase, an explosion and a fight. Both the American and international rights of the resulting movie, Private Investigation, were sold at a profit and "we took our money and ran".

It was a far cry from more recent PolyGram productions such as Fargo, The Usual Suspects, Dead Man Walking and Trainspotting. But there has been a catalogue of flops as well. For five years, Working Title produced nothing that worked — even though they were often producing three or four films a year. Kulm grimaces at the memory of one of them, Chicago Jo and the Showgirl.

thought of dumping them, because I believed in them. But obviously all the time you have to judge it and say when

enough enough," he says. Even now, after ten years, the company has not yet broken into profit, although Kuhn hopes this may be only one or two years away. He plans to gear up production, from the current 12 to 14 films a year, to 16 a year - of which around eight will be for widescale release. Buying a back catalogue of films would also help the push towards profit, although so far PolyGram has been outbid whenever a deal has come up.

Profits may not yet have arrived at PolyGram Filmed Entertainment, despite an investment of around \$900 million not counting off-balance-sheet financing - but Kuhn believes that if you add the value of its growing film library, the return on investment is already 20 per cent, and that is before you add on

anything for the digital revolution. And as one of the legion of "suits" who now run virtually all the Hollywood irony and a touch of sardonic humour-

"Much of my job is to structure the company to allow people to fail. I never formula for success in the movie business. Happiness among the bean-counters of the movie business is an average "rental to native ration" - the amount received from theatrical exploitation of a movie

compared with the cost of making it - of

130 per cent. . PolyGram started off at 50 per cent and reached 90 per cent last year. Kuhn thinks he will hit the Hollywood average of 130 per cent within two years.

He even likes the look of two new movies now in production; Elizabeth, about Elizabeth I, from Working Title, and a Stephen Freers western now being shot in Santa Fe.

Looking back. Kuhn says he is amazed how PolyGram has become a real force in the business: it now earns more than \$1 billion a year ir. revenues, with growth rates of 20 per cent, and has its own distribution in 13 countries, accounting for 70-80 per cent of all film revenues.

"in the next two years we will get some catalogue, then we will have achieved what no one has achieved since the war which is to build a new studio - and make some profits," says Kuhn before dissolving into laughter.

Santa's TV surprise for **Falklands**

Meg Carter explains how UK TV is reaching out

hristmas usually comes in mid-January for civilians and Forces based in the Falklands. The islands' television service screens videos, flown from London to Port Stanley via Ascension Island,

up to two weeks after programmes are broadcast in the UK.

All this will change on Monday, when live broadcasts start. For the first time, islanders will be able to watch fast fadders and Coronation. watch EastEnders and Coronation
Street on the day they go out in the
UK. They will also get live news
from the BBC and ITN, and selected live Premier League football cover-age from Sky, as well as the chance to participate in a local news programme, Scene Here.

The news service is run by the British Forces Broadcasting Service (BFBS), which last year had its £60 million contract to supply TV to British Forces stationed around the world renewed for five more years by the Defence Ministry. Islanders and the military subsequently agreed extra funding to enhance the Falklands' tape-based TV service and to make use of a more powerful

"It's a quantum leap forward," says Dusty Miller, station manager for BFBS TV and radio in the Falklands, "Previously, we've had to edit out anything particularly timesensitive, such as sport and news. Until now, the Falklands have been a logistical nightmare. They are the size of Wales, with the population of Swansen and the terrain of Dart moor. Five thousand people are split between the Mount Pleasant mili-tary base and the capital. Stanley. A further 500 are scattered elsewhere.

Peter McDonagh, the BFBS's director, says that going live was a "high welfare priority" and it was also about broadcasting choice. Islanders have their own newspaper, The Penguin News, but the only alternative to BFBS's tape-based TV service is KTV, a small satellite TV service recently launched by a local entrepreneur. KTV broadcasts American pro-grammes from Chile to viewers in

Radio has also been limited. BFBS provides two Forces stations to army bases around the world — BFBS I, a Radio I-style format, and BFBS 2, a Radio 2-Radio 4 hybrid. Until now, Falklanders have had only one service — a blend of BFBS 2, Radio 5 Live and BBC World Service, broadcast on FM and medium wave for most of each day. The volunteer-run Falklands Islands Broadcasting Service pro-vides local programming on FM

every evening.

The new 24-hour satellite link with the UK provides six new audio channels, From Monday, islanders will be able to hear BFBS 2 on medium wave around the clock, and BFBS I on FM. It will also enable BFBS to increase its daily TV output from 11 to 18 hours.

Mr Miller says. The live TV schedule will be put together in the UK, taking the most popular pro-grammes from all terrestrial channels, as well as news and sport. We have a camera and cameraman here and we hope to submit more material to Scene Hear.

The next step must be the Internet. Cable & Wireless, which supplies the Falklands with telephone and teleomunications, is

Reaction to movie could spawn a string of Beans

MR BEAN is now causing chaos in Hollywood. The global success of Bean, the movie — box-office takings \$200 million — means huge pressure for a follow-up. But will Rowan Atkinson oblige with Bean 2? Peter Bennett-Jones, joint producer with Tim Bevan, thinks not.

"Hollywood can't understand why we don't want to capitalise on our success," he says. But Atkinson is taking a year off. "He'll be polishing his (vast) collection of cars," says Bennett-Jones, whose Tiger Aspect company brought Mr Bean to British television screens in 1990 and developed the

But the Bean team, including writers Richard Curtis and Robin Driscoll, does want to develop him further - as a cartoon character. "Really, he's a children's character: they love his selfishness and ability to create chaos. Creatively, it would be very liberating. In a cartoon we can take him to all sorts of new places, for example, space," says Bennett-Jones. Mr Bean to fix the Mir space station? It's an awful thought.



Mr Beart could he soon be causing chaos in space?

AT THE Royal Television Society dinner this week, the speaker. Mark Thompson, Controller of BBC2, was asked a mischievious question by Tom Gutteridge, Anneka Rice's producer. If you were allowed to, where would you move Newsnight? Chairman Tony Hall, chief executive of BBC News, immediately jumped up to rule that Thompson didn't have to reply. But senior broadcasters rushed to fill me in afterwards. Thompson would love to move Newsnight from 10.30pm to 11pm, they said, freeing him to schedule a wider range of adult enter-tainment. Newsnight could then expand into a 60-minute news/late review. After all, Panorama has been moved to lopm. But from Hall's reaction, it looks off limits.

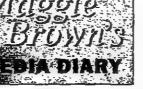
WHAT is happening to The Independent? It's surely too new a paper to be sinking. into sentitiv? This week, Miles Kington's Monday column was reprinted again on Tuesday. The regular, fluent Monday column from its media editor. Rob Brown, seemed oddly stale: it was recycled from the week before. Last Saturday's Weasel diary in The Independent's magazine carried an elaborate apology: the entry for



the Editor, Andrew Marr. belongs to the (late) John Junor school of journalism? When Editor of the Sunday Express, he said: "I really think people would be happi-est with the same newspaper appeal. I reprint it, with apologies to Rudyard Kipling. every week." He practised what he preached too between 1954 and 1986 the paper served up the same unfailing recipe starlets jet-ting off to the sun, the Crossbencher column, a Giles cartoon, But Indepen-

dent staffers say the oncegreat paper, with costs cut to the bone, simply doesn't have enough staff to check that the pages are correct, Sad.

WHEN John Brown, selfmade publisher of Viz, held a 10-year birthday party last week, Ed Bye, husband of Ruby Wax, won the raffle: two tickets to New York. A voice piped up that this was untain: "He gets free trips anyway." John Brown drew



again, and a needier media foot soldier got the seats. RESEARCH from Channel 4 has revealed the profile of the viewers to whom chief execu-

tive Michael Jackson must

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If you dream of holidays off the beaten truck. Yet humbly queue with

crowds before the cinema If you read labels on food to check for additives, But cannot resist buying those escapist magazines. If you can spend the unfor-

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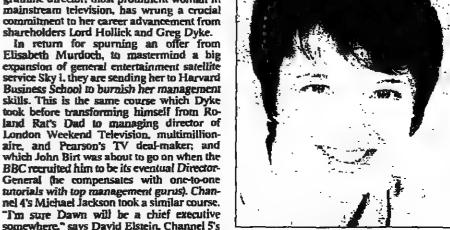
The only way is up

■ DAWN AJREY, Channel 5's gutsy programme director, most prominent woman in mainstream television, has wrung a crucial commitment to her career advancement from shareholders Lord Hollick and Greg Dyke. In return for spurning an offer from

expansion of general entertainment satellite service Sky l, they are sending her to Harvard Business School to burnish her management skills. This is the same course which Dyke took before transforming himself from Roland Rat's Dad to managing director of London Weekend Television, multimillionaire, and Pearson's TV deal-maker, and which John Birt was about to go on when the BBC recruited him to be its eventual Director-General (he compensates with one-to-one tutorials with top management gurus). Channel 4's Michael Jackson took a similar course. "I'm sure Dawn will be a chief executive somewhere," says David Elstein, Channel 5's silky-tongued chief executive.

■ THE BBC's mad internal market has been rightly ridiculed for charging programme-makers £20 a time for a peek at Who's Who or for borrowing a CD, forcing humble researchers into timewasting journeys to free

Now Will Wyatt, pragmatic chief executive of BBC Broadcast, has acted. His policy paper suggests that each BBC department pays an annual joining fee to the outgoing chairman film pro-



Harvard-bound: Dawn Airey

library/archive systems, ducer Jeremy Thomas, has slashing requests for research to about 43 or so. Common sense takes so long to triumph at the BBC.

UPDATE on the British Film Institute's controversial new £20 million IMAX cinema, under construction at the Waterloo traffic roundabout. Newly appointed BFI secrelary John Woodward, who has inherited the plan from

apparently agreed a compromise which was put forward by Joan Bakewell, deputy chairwoman.

He will take stewardship of the project - it's too late to stop. But he will look for a commercial partner used to running cinemas, say Richard Branson's Virgin, to take it over and share the risk. Insiders say that unless this is fixed, it could be the final folly that destroys the BFI.

Stressed for success

Downsizing and backstabbing make media and marketing the most highly stressed professions. Virginia Matthews reports

igraines, ulcers, heart disease and irritable among the chronic disorders that lie in wait for the stressed-out brand manager or advertising executive, the annual Marketing Society Conference heard last week.

In a culture where everyday distrust, backstabbing and often 14-hour days are given the added piquancy of impossible deadlines, slashed budgets and omnipotent clients, it is little wonder that as many as a third of people working in media, marketing, and advertising are, according to a 2,500 sample survey by the industrial psychologist Dr David Lewis, considering quitting their jobs.

Dr Lewis told an audience of

marketing luminaries that the marketing and media professions were full of "intelligent creative and ambitious" people whose high stress levels were directly related to the often minimal levels of control they had over their working lives.

Uncertainty about their jobs and intense competition with workmates, coupled with hostile management practices and bewildering layers of new technology had, he said, significantly challenged" the view that marketing and media were full of grossly overpaid layabouts.

Many marketing professionals, he told the conference, the Marketing Society's 31st, worked every evening and throughout the weekend to fulfil their job's basic requirements.

Mr Lewis's survey, which quizzed employees in the public sector, as well as advertising, media and marketing personnel, found that time pressures an important contributor to stress are intensifying throughout the private and public sectors. As many as 83 per cent of marketing professionals be-lieved that managers allowed them insufficient time to complete work to a high standard. The trend towards downsizing had discouraged staff from making their complaints known.



Under pressure: many ills among high-flyers are blamed on stress and fear in an ever-competitive workplace

The other industries where time pressures had become chronic were teaching, the health service and airtraffic control.

Mr Lewis said that the marketing industry's record for sacking directors when things got tough was second only to the revolving-door syndrome suffered by football managers: a ruthless-ness that contributed to high levels of fear" throughout all echelons of the

While few media people could compare the aggravation of getting out on time a TV programme, or a radio commercial, with the problems of teaching in an inner-city school where his survey finds even higher levels of stress - Dr Lewis believed that the innate creativity of media types had its own problems.

'Although' it is true that marketing and media attract a certain sort of - chiefly one who needs a

regular adrenalin buzz --- many of the people we talked to felt they were creatively compromised by what they did and wanted to prove themselves in a different field.

"Unfortunately, very few of the people who believe they should be producing a Booker Prizewinner, rather-than writing clever slogans for dogfood or beans, actually have the talent to do so. This too can lead to great

Delegates to the conference were told that to minimise stress, they should value and maintain relationships with people they felt they could trust. While marketing and media are not renowned for their high levels of marital fidelity, it was important, said Dr. Lewis, that people under pressure at work should have someone to confide. in at night.

"Stress and depression can have a chronic effect on the libido," he said, "and this can lead to all sorts of problems at home."

In the survey, almost two thirds of employers said they believed stress to be a significant factor in ill-health; while among employees, 98 per cent of the sample said the same.

Only a third of employees believed that their companies were aware of soaring stress levels and were taking practical steps to help. Another third said that employers were aware of stress problems but did nothing to alleviate them, while the remainder said that their employers were oblivious to the problem.

One of Dr Lewis's practical solutions to stress was what he called the "handwarming exercise," where an individ-ual imagines his or her dominant hand getting warmer and warmer. The ensuing flow of blood throughout the body can lead to an immediate feeling of wellbeing, he told the conference.

Public flogging for a lover of privacy

Brian

MacArthur

t is the divorce story of the decade. to set himself up as a campaigner for a law according to the Daily Mail — and of privacy? Spencer's attitude was "oldeditors who suffered the lash from Earl fashioned lordly arrogance masquerading meet after the death of his sister, Diana, as high principle", said Henry Porter.

The sisterhood has also railied behind discogniture at each new reveletion. Spencer after the death of his sister, Diana, Princess of Wales, are relishing his day-byday discomfiture at each new revelation about his seemingly callous treatment of his wife and lovers.

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On the day of the Princess's death, Spencer savaged the British tabloids, declaring that editors and proprietors who had paid paparazzi had "blood on their hands". He twisted the knife at the funeral when he said that the Princess's "genuine goodness" threatened those at the "opposite end of the moral spectrum", a transparent attack on

Aware that their readers shared Spencer's views, even perhaps aware that the accusation had some truth, editors did not rise to Spencer's attacks, even though many probably knew the details of his private life that are now being revealed. So The Lord of Hello! magazine claimed the moral high

ground. Sadly for Spencer, now portraved in The Sun as "Lord Lovecheat" and "Lord of

Flings",

the claim on longer holds and Spencer has removed himself from the upper end of the moral spectrum without any contribution from the tabloids.

The Spencer divorce saga has all the ingredients that make a story riveting - a millionaire lord of the realm, a spurped wife, a string of lovers (also apparently spurned) and a quarrel over how much a divorced wife is worth; a wife who was summoned to the bathroom and told she was being divorced while milord soaped himself in the bath. Simultaneously ashamed by our prurience but with an insatiable appetite for gossip, we long to know what happens next when aristocratic

As the headlines suggest, it is not only tabloid editors who have had a field day. "Earl Spencer Cheated With 12 Women in 5 Months" (The Sun). "Earl admitted he was a cruel, vicious bully" (The Daily Telegraph).
"Bully Spencer kept me from Diana's funeral" (Daily Mail). "Spencer. I can't afford divorce claim. I only earn £1 million a year' (a gift for The Guardian).

The accusations and counter-accusations in Cape Town were also a gift to editors campaigning against a law of privacy. As the Daily Mail was quick to point out, what right has a man who behaves in this fashion

Lady Spencer. Angela Levin, a biographer of Spencer's father, suggested in the Daily Mail that Spencer was a product of nature and nurture. Both his father and grandfather had treated their wives in similar fathers. In The Times, Manneen Freely fashion. In The Times, Maureen Freely celebrated the rise of "matron" power.

At The Mirror, the Editor, Piers Morgan, was resisting any temptation to gloat, even though in 1995 when he edited the News of the World he was the subject of a successful complaint by Earl Spencer to the Press Complaints Commission about invasion of privacy. Morgan had published pictures of Lady Spencer at a private clinic and was publicly rebuked by Rupert Murdoch.

Spencer has been naive at best, foolish at worst, he believes. If he had settled out of court his serial adultery would have

discovered. It was he who had made himself the nation's moral guardian. Now he had got his come-

Yet as The Times reported yesterday, Spencer and his wife have lodged a joint complaint to the European Court of Human Rights accusing the Government of failing to protect their privacy by failing to prevent publication of the 1995 pictures. They are using Article 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights — now being incorporat-ed into British law — which protects rights to privacy for private and family lives.

bomes and correspondence.

Editors rightly fear that a privacy law is thus being introduced to Britain by the back door, although Lord Irvine of Lairg, the Lord Chancellor, indicated this week that the PCC could become the privacy tribunal if it set up a fund for victims of press intrusion and thereby sidelined the threat of

judges assuming the task.

No such tribunal, however, would have saved Spencer his embarrassment this week. The cruel paradox for Spencer is that he apparently hoped a South African court would be less prodigal than a British court in deciding on Lady Spencer's divorce settlement. Yet had he initiated the case in Britain, most of the salacious detail in the affidavits would not have emerged for public consumption. That bit of privacy was already protected by British law.

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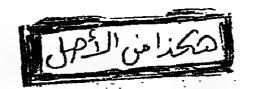
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Hocine's photograph of a mother collapsing as she discovers her eight children have been murdered brought Algeria's horror home to the world

Icon of a hidden war

This is a picture of a mother. on her knees supported by another mother. It is, in short, a Pieta: an image carrying a wealth of our own cultural baggage. The Madonna in Hell. One more massacre in Algeria, this time in Bentalha, a village a few kilometres from Algiers. The icon is timeless, not a news picture: but then news has little meaning in

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Algeria today. Stripped of everything else, this photograph is about grief; grief so intense that we can see in our mind's eye the rows of corpses lined up in the early hours of the morning. Its use on the front pages of most French, Spanish, Italian and Lebanese dailies, plus the International Herald Tribune, The Washington Post and the Los Angeles Times helped to create an icon of the war.

It carries a weight of emotion and some information: The woman below has just lost all eight porting her has just lost her All murdered in Bentalha. The photographer, Hocine, is Agence France Presse's (AFP) only accredited photographer in Algeria. Why, he muses. was it this particular shot that caught the imagination of the media? Events the day after the

Michel Guerrin tells the story behind the photograph that awoke the world to Algeria's horrific conflict

massacre at Bentalha on September 22 illustrate the difficulties of being a photographer in a country where, according to a local press. photographer, "a camera is considered more dangerous than a Kalashnikov."

Alerted to the massacre, a few photographers reached the site around 9am. "I was stopped by police in plain clothes four or five times. I couldn't get my camera out," says Hocine.

"The bodies of the victims had been laid out in a school. There was no way of getting in without running the gauntlet of the people -who were outside."

To find out exactly how many

had been massacred, a reporter from the newspaper Al Watan managed to get into the cemetery.
The official figure was 85 dead; we made it 252," he says.

Getting the news out has become even more difficult since the massacre at Rais on August 29. While there is no formal ban, getting a picture is purely a matter of luck: what time the photographer arrives there, the mood of the police, what sort of deal negotiated. "It's a game

of hide and seek," says one photographer, who uses a tiny spy camera to worm his way in. Even for him. he says, things have got "much tougher". Which is why Hocine goes for pictures that probe beyond the surface: "more about emotions

Hocine's famous photograph was not, therefore, taken in the village but at Zmirli hospital on the outskirts of Algiers, where mothers had gathered in the hope of discovering survivors. They were not allowed inside the hospital, but searched through the lists of names pinned up at the entrance.

than news".

After discovering that there was no hope for any of her eight children, the woman in his photograph crumpled to the ground. almost fainting. Hocine leant over and snapped while the police were otherwise occupied. He removed the film and jumbled it with others in his bag. Moments later, the new film was stripped out of his carnera by the police, but the one that mattered survived. At 3.22pm the same day, the film was being distributed worldwide via AFP.

Algerian dailies. Faced with the additional problem of visas and insurance, there are few foreign photographers on the scene.

The job of gathering the evidence of a country at war is left to a younger generation of Algerian photographers, "most of them well under 25 years old", according to one reporter. They have neither experience nor training, yet they have "a burning desire to break new ground". A number of editors and photog-

raphers have noticed a change in the role of pictures in the Algerian daily press. "Photography is more and more important; words no longer want to speak," says a journalist on Al Watan. "When words have lost the power to convey the horror of this endless succession of unspeakable atrocities, photos take over and fill out the front page."

in fact, the photographs coming out of Algeria are extremely limited. Three Algerian photographers have therefore just set up a picture agency, News Press, and are distributing worldwide through Sipa town in Algeria within the next few months — about 40 in all.

of photography in Algeria. "You have to shock people if you want them to act. My photos are tough. - like the one of the small girl with her throat slit being pulled out of a well that she had been thrown into. "People who don't believe that the massacres are happening change their minds when they see them,

you want to see them? All of them? Or would you rather have Diana?

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in Paris. Its manager, Ouaheb, is an old hand in the business: Algeria itself is in danger, why not write my name? I'll go on doing this until I die. We drink our bottle of whisky daily as we wait. We laugh. We live." He believes it is still possible to work without too many limitations, and plans to set up a correspondent in every sizeable

He has no doubts about the role

he says. Everyone knows that there are photographs from Algeria - ba-bies with their throats slit and burnt in ovens, the heads of two to be shown. The French magazine Marianne published the latter on September 8 with the following caption: "Photos from Algeria, Do

world that are unlikeup to create a single ly to be commercially wave digital. Wide-Worldwide need not spread implementalcost much but could ion of the service is be significant for the probably a few years future of the organisation."When away because of the need to upgrade transmitters and produce the aim is to get our content through [to audiences], if television radio receivers at mass-market is a better method of doing that, then that is the way we should go," The World Service and other international broadcasters are also His plans range from putting negotiating with WorldSpace, an American-based company that money into dubbing and subtitling television pictures and world news plans to launch three digital radio satellites — the first next year. Although the satellites are already bulletins produced with a local partner, to ultimately launching local television newsgathering.

The World Service is not thinkunder construction, there is concern at the likely cost of the ing about providing English-lan-guage television, but a vernacular receivers and the fact that they need a "line of sight" with the satellites to service for places such as Russia, be effective.

BBC's World

Service set

to enter the

television age

The BBC World Service, the world where you can actually which broadcasts in 45 landout it. You have to tread carefully,

says Mr Younger. "But in the long term it is a way of maintaining

relevance and [audience] reach in

markets where we are no longer competing as a local provider."

The text of World Service bulletins is now being provided for the

BBC's online news service, with

Cantonese bulletins already avail-

able and a number of other languages likely in the next six months. The World Service also

hopes to add voice, although

because of the cost

that may need a part-

ner. Work is also progressing on plans to improve short-wave

quality by turning it

A new international group. Digital Radio Mondial, is being set

into a digital signal.

A BBC institution faces a new

guages to a regular audience of more than 143 million people, is

seeking government approval to

There is no actual prohibition against television in the constitu-

tional documents of the World

Service, but in the past government

permission has not been given to use Foreign Office money for such

a purpose. Last year a possible television joint venture in Russia was rejected. "I imagine they

move into television.

refused because of

fears that it would

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Sam Younger, managing director of the World Service. He be-

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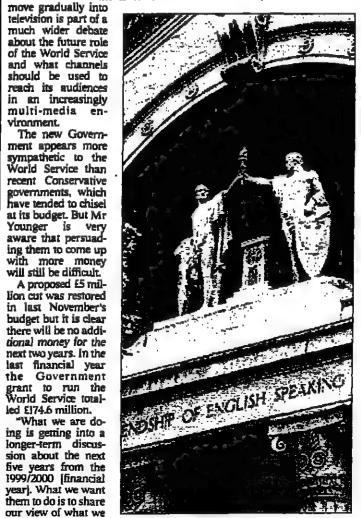
might make a difference.

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challenge, says **Raymond Snoddy**

While technology develops, and with it the possibility of more new radio channels, the World Service



The World Service: wide-ranging plans

Nike joins trend for giving agencies the boot

Hocine is one of around 20 press

■ FIRST Guinness, now Nike. The American sportswear giant has become the second highprofile advertiser in two weeks to dump its existing agency, despite paying fulsome tribute to the quality of its advertising and enjoying demonstrable success in the marketplace. When Nike publicly praised

TBWA Simons Palmer's recent Parklife commercial as "perhaps the finest football ad ever made". one might have known the writing was on the wall. Such public endorsements have become advertising's equivalent of the football chairman expressing every confidence in his manager.

You will have seen this advert, noticed years of hard-hitting Nike posters starring the likes of Eric Cantona, Ian Wright and Les Ferdinand, and know the "Just Do It' slogan, even though the company often just uses its logo to sign off its adverts. But you will also have seen last year's epic good-versus-evil commercial, which a team captained by Eric Cantona saw off a team of devils: This was made by Wieden &

Kennedy, the agency that has for years been thought of as America's sexiest, largely on account of its work for Nike. Since cofounder Dan Wieden coaxed Nike's Phil Knight out of his loathing for advertising and admen in 1982, client and agency have grown together. Wieden runs Nike's adverts worldwide. In 1992, Wieden opened in



Levi's). However, Nike chose to stay loyal to the agency then The result is the only positive known as Simons Palmer Denton development in this sorry tale. Clemmow and Johnson, ignoring Wieden & Kennedy will carry out its decade-long threat to open in its silly name because of its

London

However, when Simons Palmer etc merged with TBWA earlier While cynically acknowledging that it was unlikely to do so without guaranteed Nike busithis year, it gave Nike an excuse to ness, it will be the most interesting look around. It is the kind of advertiser that had begun to and refreshing start-up to hit London in years. believe its own press about how Wieden's other major Americool it is, and some at Nike felt can clients are Microsoft and they were just another client at the

new TBWA Simons Palmer, Coca-Cola. Together with Nike they form a list any start-up would where others include Nissan, The kill for, although it doesn't have Sun, Goldfish and Sony. So Nike staged a review. We will never discover how the UK them here - yet. While the agency is bound to be restricted by Nike as to what other clients it might agencies, WCRS and St Luke's handle initially, it is unlikely to be feel about having taken part. It is long before it becomes a major not done in the agency business to criticise clients, no matter how force, pitching for some of the best badly they have behaved. You never know when they will be

The chief forseeable snag — ironically — is the very thing that

mons Palmer its most prized account politics. In this case, it is the local UK marketing department to being told by Coca-Cola in At-

lanta, and Microsoft in Seattle, for example, what to do. However, in today's global marketing busi-ness, the local staff might huff and puff a while, but in the end they will be forced to toe the company

TALKING of politics, the wan-ing influence of the national marketing department in the face of pressure from the centralised ional function became only too evident this week when General Motors Europe awarded the £30 million pan-European advertising launch of its new Vauxhall/Opel Astra to the small London agency, Rainey Kelly Campbell Roalfe, the UK's last wholly successful start-up.

It is difficult to comprehend the ripples this sent around the industry. General Motors is one of those clients that has long been

deemed rock solid within a giant multinational agency grouping — in this case the Lowe Group and McCann-Erickson, both subsidlaries of the giant Inter-publicGroup (IPG).

Multinational agencies are tra-ditionally built on such clients. They open offices around the world on the promise of business like GM's. There remains an overall trend towards global, or at least regional, centralisation of business into one agency or

But ever since Coca-Cola humiliated the IPG subsidiary McCann-Erickson in the early Nineties by putting business into the Creative Artists Agency, then run by Michael Ovitz, there has been a significant stream of clients such as Sony, Microsoft, Levi's, and now GM, that have bucked this trend.

It all goes to add to the feeling that after 25 years of relative inertia, when things were done as they always had been done, there is a growing air of anything goes. Giant clients such as Unilever are going outside their agency and appointing tiny start-ups with new silly names such as Mother, to the panic and consternation of the big boys. While Rainey Kelly will scarcely be able to believe its success, Phil Geier, chief executive of IPG, will be on the warpath. At last the advertising business has woken up.

 Stefano Hatfield is Editor of Campaign.

Apart from a modest move into television, the World Service believes it has to look increasingly at a variety of ways to reach its audience. While short-wave broadcasts will remain the backbone of the service, in many parts of the world short-wave sound quality is increasingly unacceptable to audiences used to FM. The World Service has respond-

led £174.6 million.

can do and be, and

then hope that they

Younger.

will be sympathetic to putting in an extra bit of money which, in

Treasury terms, is peanuts - 1 to 2

per cent in real terms," says Mr

ed by offering programmes for re-broadcast in FM and gaining access to local FM frequencies in individual countries.

It has been granted an FM frequency for its service in Jordan - which would probably have been unthinkable only a few years ago. The service has had its own frequencies in such cities as Berlin and Singapore for years but now has FM frequencies such diverse places as Dakar and Kampala, Dohar and Qatar, and is about to add Nairobi and Mombasa to the

In areas of the world where editorial compatibility is possible, the World Service is going a step further and entering co-production deals. The latest one, to be signed early next month, is with the South African Broadcasting Corporation. There are not too many areas of

hopes within the next year to produce a second radio channel in embryo. A mixed schedule of programming will still be provided hy short wave but the plan is to make around nine hours a day of news and current affairs segments available via satellite for early morning and late evening and "drive,times" in the main regions.

To begin with, the new stream of FM programming will be for re-broadcasting but Mr Younger believes it can gradually be developed into a second channel.

e is convinced that after half a century or work.

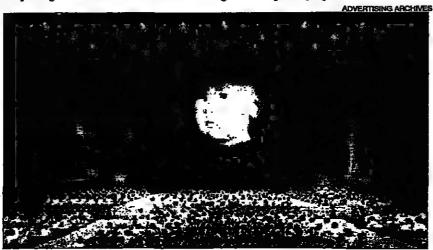
Service dominance, it is "not realistic" to think that the BBC can continue being the leader only with short wave. "We have all the skills and experience to do it across a number of media and be the leader in the 21st century - and all for a modest extra cost," he says.

He accepts, however, that increased competition may make it hard to hold on to the present 143 million regular listeners which can be measured - the actual number is almost certainly higher.

Mr Younger has taken heart from a recent study in Turkey. It revealed that around 1 per cent of the Turkish population listened to World Service broadcasts. But in Ankara and Istambul, the total included 25 per cent of the country's chief executives and MPs.



successful work.



Rainev Kelly Campbell Roalfe will take over the Vauxhall Astra ads

Attacking your rivals may be a waste of time. Martin Rosenbaum reports

iewers are strongly swayed by positive reporting of a political party's activities. but are largely unaffected by negative coverage, according to a recent academic study The findings challenge the common wisdom among political strategists, who believe that although voters tell pollsters they do not like negative campaigning, they are still powerfully influenced by it.

Videotapes of selected election news items were shown to 240 participants, who answered questions on their political views before and after watching the tapes. Those who watched positive coverage of Labour emerged with a significantly more favourable impression of the party. The Fories benefited similarly from positive news. But those who saw the negative reports of either party were not signifi-cantly affected.

The extracts were intended to illustrate the variety of election reporting. Items ranged from serious setpiece speeches and the latest economic statistics, to John Prescott chatting cheerfully on his battle-bus and Norma Major

visiting a factory. The lesson for political parties is to concentrate on getting positive coverage and not on knocking your oppo-nents," says David Sanders of Essex University, who coordinated the experiments.

Professor Sanders argues that positive messages stand out more from the general background of negative politicking. Voters become so accustomed to negative stories about politics that they are less susceptible to them. "Negative campaigning perhaps con-tains within itself the seeds of its own long-term failure," he says. "The more voters are affected by it."

Analysis of election coverage confirms that it was largely negative, with more time devoted to politicians squabbling with their opponents than presenting their policies. Throughout April, the lead election story in the BBC's main evening news bulletin had a positive headline on only eight nights. For ITN, the positive rating was just five.

The research team admits that its study measured only the immediate impact on political perceptions of one 30minute collection of television news stories. The team hopes to look at possible longer-term effects of repeated coverage in further experiments next year.

The results mark a striking contrast with similar experiments conducted in the United States at the University of California. These were based on candidates' own television ads rather than news reports, but they suggested that it was generally negative ads which hit home. In particular, "floatevery political campaign were influenced only by nega-



Swinging voters: Peter Snow analyses the election results on his Swingometer

Professor Sanders says that campaign managers of all parties who have been borrowing hard-hitting American electioneering techniques should take heed. The British electorate is not Americanised it responds differently," he

says. "Campaigning models which people want to import wholesale from the US may not be appropriate here." However, political strate-

gists are not easily impressed and are unlikely to abandon their deeply ingrained habits. Chris Powell, the chief executive of Labour's ad agency BMP DDB, says: "It is very clear from our research during the election that, while content-free abuse of the other lot rebounds on you, attacks that crystallise beliefs in a factual manner are acceptable and effective. That's why the 'tax bombshell' worked for the Tories in 1992, and why '22 Tory tax rises' and 'Major's broken promises' worked for

us this time." Charles Lewington, Conservative director of communica-tions during the election, is more blunt: "There are times when you have to step back from what the academics are saying and use your common sense," he says. "There is no doubt that people are influenced by bad news coverage about a party on television. If you see Neil Hamilton's face pop up on television for the third night running, saying that he won't stand down, you are bound to think that his party is a shambles."

Professor Sanders is re-signed to political parties not paying heed to his work. "It always amazes me how academic research doesn't get through to top politicians," he says. "The trouble with being an academic is that no one takes you seriously."

The future is a computer: in English

verybody knows that predictions about the future, particularly those involving the pace of technological change, are usually wrong - often ludi-

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In 1939 The New York Times was certain that television would never pose a threat to radio because you would have to sit and watch the screen and "the average American family hasn't time for it".

Ten years later Thomas Watson, founder of IBM, thought there was a market for about five computers in the entire world. In the early Eighties, McKinsey, the consultants, thought that by 2000 there would probably be around 900,000 mobile telephones out there. By 1996 the forecast had already been proved wrong by a factor of more than 100.

But the future is fascinating because it seems to be hurding towards us at ever-greater speeds. A new book out this week, The Death of Distance, by Frances Cairneross of The Economist, warms us how

fundamental the changes are likely to be in the next cenbecause of the changes in communleations — in

coming together of television, the telephone and the

possible to argue almost anything with a reasonable degree of plausibility, knowing that you are unlikely to be comprehensively

However Ms Caimeross suggests that a far-sighted person in 1897 could have predicted that great social change would result from the arrival of the automobile. In a similar way, the author believes that decades of technical progress in broadcasting, computers and telecommunications are coming together in a predictable way to drive forward dramatic social change.

In such a scenario most people on earth will have access to "switched", interactive, broadband networks which will deliver limitiess quantities of images and informa-tion. Television will continue to change radically, with people likely to end up paying much more for such attractions as

In the index of The Death of Distance, the word newspaper does not appear, except with the word "electronic" in front of it. But futurologist. She concedes that electronic versions of newspapers may have to offer

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many additional services before subscribers will be prepared to pay for them.

Travellers abroad may want the distance destroying screen version of their hometown newspapers. "Other people may prefer to buy an inexpensive bundle of paper, as long as it can be delivered to the door," says Ms

But it is some of her "big" social predictions for the future that are most unsettling. In future, individuals will be able to order exactly what they want to view or read - and presumably pay for them individually, too. At the same time consumers will face a deluge of information, and companies will need to develop even better techniques to brand and push their products abead of their competitors.

The information and entertainment producers of the Anglo-Saxon world should also receive an additional boost with the

continuing spread of English as a second language around the world.

"It will be as important to learn English as

Ravmond

to use software ible with the near universal MS-DOS." Ms Cairneros predicts.

The creation of giobal mar-

mation and entertainment will create a new dass of the global super-rich - many of them musicians, artists and entertainers. Cities will become places for entertain-

ment and culture rather than places to work. and the office will become a place for the social aspects of work such as celebrating. networking, hunching and gossiping.

Ms Cairneross also believes that as

countries become more economically dependent, and people communicate more across cultures, understanding will be increased, tolerance will be fostered and world peace

will ultimately be promoted.
It is probably the grandest claim that has ever been made for the communications

Faced with such an onslaught of change, it is reassuring that, for now at least, Ms Carricross's ideas are transmitted by oldfashioned paper and lak between cardboard

Of course, as any futurologist knows, predicting what life is like in the middle of the next century is less demanding than trying to work out what will happen the year

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Extraordinary power of Home Secretary

Regina v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Stafford

Before Lord Bingham of Cornhill, Lord Chief Justice, Lord Justice Morritt and Lord Justice Buxton

[Judgment November 26]

The extraordinarily wide dis-cretion conferred on the Secretary of State for the Home Department by section 29 of the Crime (Sen tences) Act 1997, which replaced section 35 of the Criminal Justice Acr 1991, entitled him to refuse to Act 1991, entitled rum to reuse to release a mandatory life sentence prisoner after expiry of the punitive term on the ground that, although not thought to present a risk, if released, of committing a violent or sexual offence, he might commit some other imprisona offence or fail to comply with the

the court of Appeal so stated when allowing the Home Secretary's appeal from Mr Justice Collins who had granted an application for judicial review by Dennie Stafford of the Home Dennis Stafford of the Home Secretary's refusal to direct his release following recommendation by the Parole Board that he should

defendant, had been convicted of murder and sentenced to life imprisonment. Following his re-lease in 1979 on life licence, and in breach of its terms, he went to South Africa where he remained apparently without conviction or complaint of criminal conduct,

His licence was revoked and in 1969, on his return on a false passport, for use of which he was fined he was detained in prison. In 1991, following a recomme by the Parole Board he was again released on licence, but in 1994 after conviction of conspiracy to forge travellers' cheques and Brit-ish passports for which he was sentenced to six years his licence

In 1996 the Parole Board recommended his release, concluding that he presented a very low risk of serious re-offending. The Home Secretary refused to direct release on the grounds that he had failed to comply with requirements of earlier licences and, although not committing further offences of violence, he might commit further

He accordingly directed that the

Before Lord Bingham of Cornhill,

Lord Chief Justice, Lord Justice

Morritt and Lord Justice Buxton

The privilege against self-in-crimination, whether as protection

against answering a question in

the witness box or an interrogatory

or against disclosing a document

on discovery, had to be claimed on

cath by the person who sought to

(Judgment November 5)

Before Lord Capian

|Judgment September 2|

Where insurers had settled claims for damages against their insured in respect of deaths and personal

muries on the Piper Alpha plat-

injuries on the Paper Appas plat-form in 1988, the insured had no right to be indemnified by third parties who had granted the insured contractual indemnifies in

respect of the same loss as that covered by the insurance policy. Such a claim required to be

advanced by the insurers by way of a right to contribution from the

Lord Caplan, sitting in the Outer

House of the Court of Session, so held absolving the defenders in six of seven actions for a total of £8,500,000, which had been heard

as test cases, in respect of a total of 146 actions raised by Elf Enter-prise (Caledonia) Ltd (formerly

OPCAL) seeking reimbursement of about £130,000,000, paid to the families of the men killed in the explosion and fire on the Piper Alpha off-shore plafform in 1988, and to the survivors, from contemporary who had been engaged by

tractors who had been engaged by

them in connection with the opera-

The actions were brought on indemnities obliging the defenders

to make good to the pursuers any loss occurred to them through the

death or injury of any of the

defenders' employees. In the sev-

enth action Lord Caplan granted

decree for payment to the pursuers

Mr Colin Macaulay, QC, Mr Derek Batchelor and Mr Leo

Hofford for the pursuers; Mr Alan

Johnston, QC, Mr Heriot Currie.

QC. Mr Richard Keen, QC, and Mr James Wolffe for the

LORD CAPLAN, having deliv-

ered his opinion on other matters

with which this report is not

concerned, continued at pl,423 of

On day 381 of the hearing, in the

last day of their submissions, the

defenders had advanced an argu-

ment that six of the seven actions

were irrelevant because they

should have been raised in the

name of the pursuers' insurers

against the defenders for

It had to be said that that came

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Mr David Pannick, QC and Miss Eleanor Grey for the Home Secretary: Mr Tim Owen for the

THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE, tracing chronologically the dev-elopment of the current law on the present question, referred to: the statement made in November 1983 (Hansard [HC WA, cols 505-8)) by (Hansard (HC WA, cols 505-8) by Mr Leon Brittan describing the procedures he proposed to introduce for handling the release of mandatory life semence prisoners: In re Findlay [[1985] AC 318]; R v Secretary of State for the Home Department. Ex parte Handscomb ([1988] 86 Cr App R 59), R v Secretary of State for the Home Department. Ex parte Benson Department, Ex parte Benson (The Times November 21, 1988); R v Parole Board, Ex parie Bradley (1991) 1 WLR 134 and Thynne, Wilson and Gunnell v United

Kingdom ((1990) 13 EHRR 666). His Lordship said that section 34 of the Criminal Justice Act 1991 deprived the secretary of state of any effective role in relation to discretionary life sentence prisoners. The punitive term was fixed by the sentencing judge, the assess-ment of risk was made by the Parole Board whose sole concern in that assessment, the section made plain, was with the protection of the public.

That was to be understood in the context of the violent or sexual offence for which the prisoner had in the lirst place been sentenced.

That was, however, in sharp contrast to section 35 which made plain that in the case of mandatory retary of state retained a broad discretion to refer, or not refer cases to the board and to release or not to release, the only explicit constraint being that he might not release where the board, having been consulted, recommended no

It was during the parliamentary debates on the 1991 legislation that the Home Office Minister advanced the view that a mandatory life sentence prisoner had committed a crime of such gravity that he had forfeited his liberty to the state for the rest of his days She also referred to a presumption that the offender should remain in custody until and unless the Home Sec retary concluded that the public

deputy judge of the Queen's Bench

Division, who had required them

to comply with an order for discovery of inter alla, bank and

building society statements in an action brought against them and the third defendant, Roy Bonewell, by the plaintiffs, Nicholas Dowale.

John Martin, Sandra Goldstone and Derek Kenward, in respect of

the defendants' alleged misappro-

Mr Peter Herrity for Mr Coe;

Mr John Causer for Mr Bentham;

fundamental argument should only emerge at the last gasp of such a long hearing, prima face

such a long nearing, prima tace did not seem in harmony with a legal system that prided itself on the availability of preliminary procedures for disposing of points

that were purely points of law. Nevertheless, his Lordship held, the parties having agreed on proof

to argue points of law after evidence, distinguishing Lade v

Largs Baking Co ((1863) 2 M 17).

The pursuers' insurers had settled the majority of the claims that

were the subject of proceedings under the indemnities. If the

pursuers recovered then, then

underwriters would have rights of

subrogation. There was an un-

insured element, but in only one of

the present seven cases, against Stena Offshore, had the pursuers

required to make a settlement

payment of £12,685,57 of their own

A party could only recover under

an indemnity in respect of loss incurred. The defenders point was

that the pursuers had already been

could not be compensated twice.

The losses covered by, and the

beneficiaries of the insurance and

Where in such a case there were

two indemnifiers their liability was joint and several, and if either paid more than his share then he was

entitled to relief from his co-

rata share (Gloag Contract (2nd

edition) p206: Moss v Penman

(1993 SC 300)), for otherwise the

latter would benefit from unjust

Unlike a right of subrogation in

an action arising out of a delict. such a right of relief resided in the

co-obligant directly; see Sickness and Accident Assurance Associ-

ation Ltd v General Accident

Assurance Corporation Ltd ((1892)

19 R 977): Albion Insurance Co Lid

v Government Insurance Office

The question was whether there

was any justification in confining

the application of those principl

to insurance alone. In Eagle Star

Insurance Co v Provincial In-

surance ([1994] 1 AC 130) Lord Woolf had expressed the view that

Woolf had expressed the view that the law of contribution applied to a

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([1969) 121 CLR 342).

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the indemnities were the same.

mnified by their insurers and

before answer rather than sim

priation of funds.

(HC Debates) (July 16, 1991; cols

His Lordship referred to R v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Exparte Cox (1991) 5 Admin LR 17); R v Secretary of State for the Home Department. Er parte Creamer (unreported, October 21, 1992); to directions given by the Home Secretary to the Parole Board, under section 32(6) of the 1991 Act on March 30, 1993. concerning the release of man-datory life sentence prisoners and the transfer of life sentence pris-

He also referred to R v Secretary

of State for the Home Depar

ment, Ex parte Doody ([1994] I AC 531); the Home Secretary's parliamentary answer, prompted by that decision, of July 27, 1993 (Hansard (HC WA, cols 863-5)); Wynne v United Kingdom (1994) 19 EHRR 333); R v Secretary of 19 EFIKR 333; K & Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Singh (unreported, March 16, 1995; Hussain v United Kingdom ((1996) 22 EHRR 1) and to section 28 of the Crime (Sen-tences) Act 1997, which replaced section 34 of the 1991 Act and gave effect to that decision, assimilating effect to that occasion, assumitating the position of mandatory pris-oners detained during her Maj-esty's pleasure with that of discretionary life sentence pris-

mers and detaine That section provided that in the case of each the sole test for release following completion of the pu-nitive term was to be that confinement was no longer necessary for the protection of the public.

Having referred to R v Secretary of State for the Home Department. Ex parts Venables and Thompson (1997) 3 WLR 23) and R V Secretary of State for the Home Department. Ex parte Pierson [1997] 3 WLR 492] his Lordship said that, as judges in the various cases had treated, and as the Home Secretary claims required Home Secretary plainly accepted in relation to discretionary life sentence prisoners, detainees and those detained during her Majesty's pleasure, danger to the public was the only ground on which continued detention could be justified once the prisoner had served the punitive term fixed for

However, section 29 of the 1997 Act, which replaced section 35 of the 1991 Act, preserved a different regime for mandatory life sentence prisoners, their release being sub-

110) and National Association of

Operative Plasterers v Smithles

in the experience of all three

members of the present court it

had always been the practice that if

any witness sought to rely on the

-privilege, whether as a reason for not answering a question in the witness box or for not answering an interrogatory or for not disclos-

ing a document on discovery, the objection had to be taken by the

It was plain that the claimant

claimant on his or her outh.

those authorities.

(1906) AC 434).

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The only statutory constraint on that exercise was that he might not. subject to section 36 of the 1991 Act and section 30 of the 1997 Act. release such a prisoner unless recommended by the Parole Board to do so and after consultation with the Lord Chief Justice together with the trial judge if available.

He was not obliged to direct release even if recommended to do so and in deciding whether to release he might properly have regard to considerations of a broader character than danger to the public. Factors relevant to release included policy reasons, public acceptability and the need to maintain public confidence in the criminal justice system.

He had publicly directed the Parole Board that in exercising his discretion to release such a prisoner he took account of matters going beyond the risk posed by the prisoner and that he was con-cerned with the wider political implications of release, including the effect on public dence in the life sentence system which release might have and the public response to the release of such a

He had also publicly directed the board that before recommending release it should consider whether the risk of the prisoner committing further imprisonable offences after release was minimal and whether the prisoner was likely to comply with the conditions of his life licence and the requirements of

He had told Parliament that such a prisoner should not assume that he would be released on completion of his punitive term, even if he was no longer considered to be a risk to the public, and that before releasing such a pris-oner be would consider the public acceptability of early release.

There was no ambiguity in those statements, nor was it suggested that they had ever been modified or withdrawn. Despite an opportunity to do so in the 1997 Act, Parliament had done nothing to circumscribe or control the exercise of the secretary of state's

He had announced what his policy was and the decision now challenged was not a departure from it. His direction to the board in March 1993 and his per-

Electric Corporation (1978) AC

547, 574) to require him to do that

might expose him to the very peril

it was also plain that the

circumstances of the case might of

against which the privilege existed

to protect him.

were couched in broad terms. His Lordship did not accept that the word "risk" there used was

limited to the risk of violent or retary had not said so. It was not for the courts to circumscribe the effect of his general references to a further

mprisonable offence". "re-offend ing" and "further offences" The system of release on life licence could reasonably be thought to be brought into discredit if those so released committed serious offences of dishonests or flouted the conditions on which they had been released

It was irrelevant whether members of the court, as individuals, agreed or disagreed with that view. As judges, their only concern was Secretary's conduct. The court had to bear in mind

that Parliament had seen fit to confer on him an extraordinarily wide discretion which he had not arrowed in the way suggested.
Although allowing the appeal and dismissing the application for judicial review, the facts of the case caused his Lordship considerable

faced had not been imposed by way of punishment, because he had already served the punitive term which his serious previous offences had been thought to merit. The term had not been imposed because he was thought to present a danger to the public

It was not submitted that it bore any relation to the gravity of any future imprisonable offence which he might commit or that it was needed to ensure future compliance with the terms of his life

The imposition of what was in effect a substantial term of imprisonment by the exercise of executive discretion, without trial, lay uneasily with ordinary concepts of the rule of law.

His Lordship hoped the Home Secretary might, even now, think it right to give further consideration

Lord Justice Morrist delivered a concurring judgment and Lord Justice Buxton delivered a judgement concurring in the result. Solicitors: Treasury Solicitor;

appeal on that ground alone. However, his Lordship considered

that that would be an extremely

technical and unsatisfactory basis on which to resolve the appeal. He

stances of the case and concluded

on the facts that the claim could not

Claiming privilege against self-incrimination

Impact of pension on amount of damages

Longden v British Coal Corporation Before Lord Guff of Chieveley,

Lord Slynn of Hadley, Lord Steyn, Lord Hope of Craighead and Lord [Speeches November 27]

Where an employee received an incapacity pension from a contributory scheme that provided for either an incapacity pension or a retirement pension, the periodical payments received were not award of damages for personal injuries representing loss of retire-ment pension, but a lump sum also received should be apportioned and that part deducted that was attributable to the period after

The House of Lords allowed in part an appeal by the British Cral Corporation from the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice McCowan, Lord Justice Roch and Lord Justice Ward) (The Times April 14, 1995; 11995] ICR 957), which had disnissed his appeal from Mr Justice Douglas Brown

normal retirement age.

Mr Simon Hawkesworth, QC and Mrs Margaret Bickford-Smith for BCC: Mr Ian McLaren, QC and Mr Richard Burn for the

LORD HOPE said that the plaintiff had been employed as a deputy at BCC's West Thorpe Colliery, North Derbyshire. He had been injured in an accident there on April 17, 1985 and been unable to continue in his employ ment. He had applied to the trustees of the staff superannuation scheme and on August 22. 1986 been awarded an incapacity

He had been 37 when he had retired, the normal age being 60 Contributors to the scheme were entitled to either a retirement pension or an incapacity pension,

The payments that he had received had consisted of an annual pension and a lump sum. In his claim for damages he had included a claim for loss of retirement pension, consisting of the lump sum to which he would have been entitled on retirement at the normal retirement age together with the difference between the annual retirement pension that he would have received after that date and the annual incapacity pension

that he was receiving and would continue to receive. BCC maintained that the award for pension loss ought to take plaintiff had received together with total of all the annual payments that he had received and would receive under his incapacity pen-

and the Court of Appeal, subject to had dismissed BCC's appeal The effect of Party v Cleaver

([1970] AC 1) and Smoker v London Fire and Civil Defence Authorit, ([199]) 2 AC 502) was that incapacity and disability pensions fell outside the general rule that primfacte all receipts due to an accident had to be set against losses claimed accident.

If was impossible to reconcile with the decision in those cases BCC's argument that at the end of the whole exercise one had to stand back and assess the plantiff's net loss and in doing so make the deduction for which they deduction contended

In order to compare like with like, however, the lump sum that the plaintiff had received should be required to bring into account that part that represented the commutation of a part of the annual payments that he would utherwise have recerted as meome during the period to which his claim for loss of retirement cansion related BCC's appeal should be allowed to that extent. Lord Golf, Lord Slunn, Lord

Steyn and Lord Clyde agreed. Solicitors: Naburro Nathanson.

School need not supervise leaving for home

Wilson v Governors of Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Primary School, Carlton Before Lord Justice Hirst and Lord

Judgment November 5]

On the facts it was not necessary for a primary school to employ a supervisor at the end of the school day to ensure pupils' safety in the school yard on their way out of

The Court of Appeal so held allowing an appeal by the gov-ernors of the Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Primary School, Carlton. Nottinghamshire, against liability for negligence and damages of £4,770 for personal injury awarded to Danial Wilson, a minor suing by his mother and next friend Beverley Wilson, by Judge K. Matthewman, QC in Nottingham County Court on July 17, 1996. Miss Bryony Clark for the school; Mr Philip Turton for the

LORD JUSTICE MANTELL said Danial, then aged nine, had been injured on his way to the school gate at the end of the school day. He had been confronted by another boy, Adam, waving his struck Danial in the eve.

Danjal's claim boiled down to an allegation that the school was in breach of its duty of care in failing to ensure that the passage from the school door to the gate was supervised and that had a supervisor been on duty Adam would not have behaved as he did.

The judge had directed himself in law that the school should take such care as a reasonable father would of his family and had decided that that required adult supervision at the end of the school

it was argued for the school that the judge had set too high a standard of care and that the finding that the mere presence of an authorised adult would have inhibited Adam was unwarranted. There was evidence that care

lunch hour but there was no particular history to show the necessity of such assistants at ning-home time. From age six Danial had been going home unaccompanied. No one suggested his mother was failing in her duty by not meeting him at the school The confrontation might just as well have taken place outside the

school gates. The appeal would be

LORD JUSTICE HIRST agreed. It was essential to the judge's reasoning and to Mr Turton's should be drawn between the lunch break when the children were supervised and the time when the children went home where there was no supervision. That was not a proper comparison.

The headmaster's evidence was

that of the 200 pupils in the school

the dirting hall held 90 and the were 110 pupils in the playground throughout more than an hour.

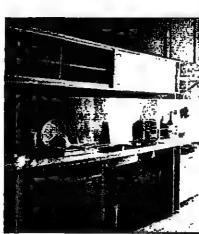
The need for supervision over the lunch period was obvious and accorded to standard practice in

The very short period in which the pupils ran or walked from the door to the exit gates was quite different even allowing for the fact that the departing pupils were likely to be high spirited. There was no evidence that supervision at that period was

standard practice as it surely would be if it were necessary. Solicitors: Berryman & Co. Nottinghum: Huntsmans.

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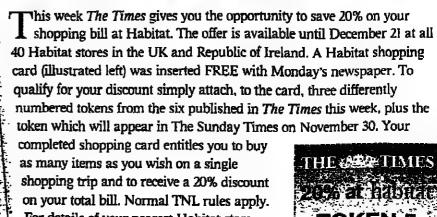


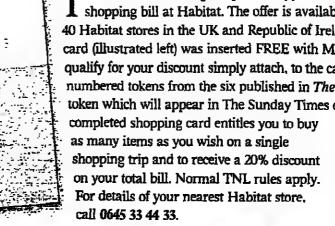


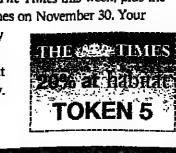












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Mr Michael come from elsewhere. Where, therefore, privilege was claimed on affidavit by a solicitor THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE said that in submitting that the privilege against self-incriminaon his client's behalf the claim was tion had not been properly claimed the plaintiffs had relied on a series The Court of Appeal so stated when dismissing on different grounds an appeal by the first and Wehh v Fast (1)880) 5 Eych D (08): David Bentham, from Mr J. Lamb v Munster ((1882) 10 QBD the case had proceeded for 381 days Elf Enterprise (Caledonia) without a whisper about the ques-Ltd v London Bridge Engltion of contribution. That such a neering Ltd and Others

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tual indemnity. What the pursuers expressly claimed were the subrogation rights of their insur-

ers. They referred to Darrell v

Tibbits ((1880) 5 QBD 560) which

concerned a tenant's obligation to repair the property, where the Court of Appeal had held the landlord's insurers were entitled to be put in the place of the assured. Contribution among joint debt-ors liable in respect of the same loss did not seem to have been argued. The pursuers also argued that the question of contribution arose only in the context of nsurance and not where collateral indemnities were included in contracts for the provision of services: compare Scottish Amicable Heritable Securities Association

They referred to Parr's Bank Ltd v Albert Mines Syndicate ((1900) 5 Com Cas 116) but that was not on all fours with the present case: there the sureties were liable for a predetermined sum, whereas the insurers had accepted liability only for a loss on the sureties

Their obligations had been dilferent but here both insurers and contractors were pledged to cover the same loss. Nor on the terms of the policy in Part's Bank could the insurers have been obliged by the sureties to contribute towards any payment made by the latter. What mattered was whether the parties had undertaken the same risk to

same common creditor. However different the genesis of the contracts, there could be no ibt that the pursuers' insurer. and the contractors, if they had any obligations to OPCAL and the participants, had it under con-

tracts of indemnity. It was clear from the authorities that the contracts that gave rise to the joint debt did not need to be If a party enjoyed the benefit of

two or more indemnities covering the same loss and he recovered his whole loss it was difficult to see on what principle he retained a right to enforce his indemnity against the non-paying indemnifier. His loss bad been satisfied.

There was no principle that entitled him to enforce his loss from the indemnifier as there was in the case of a wrongdoer. Perhaps if the indemnities had been granted to cover only facts occasioned by the indemnifier's own negligence some nice questhemselves show that a risk of prosecution existed: see R v Boyes Lord Justice Morritt and Lord (1861) I B & S. 311, 329). It was not Justice Buxton agreed. therefore incumbent on a party seeking to exercise the privilege himself to describe in detail the Solicitors: Chabra Cass & Co, Cricklewood: Harris da Silva: peril to which he might be exposed.

That rule did not however in any way dispense with the need for a claim to be made on oath by the claimant, even if support for the claim and its substantiation came In the present case it was clear

beyond argument that the claim had not been properly made and as a technical matter the plaintiffs

did not have to give chapter and verse to show why disclosure, or

practice was clearly shown by

answering a question or an interrogatory might incriminate him. As Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, pointed out in Rio Tinto

tions would arise, but that was not the case here. No one suggeste that the defenders had been negligent. The question ought to be settled on the basis of principle rather than by reference to any rigid classification such as insurance rejected attempts to confine contribution to particular cate gories of insurance. His Lordship's conclusion therefore was that the insurers of OPCAL and the participants did not have any right of subrogation in respect of the indemnities

ted by the defenders. They had no title or interest to sue. If the outlay that would have to be by way of a separate action based on Northern Assurance Co ((1883) 11 R His Lordship sympathised with the pursuers' complaint that the question of contribution had been raised late. Clearly, however, the whole matter would require to be

addressed in relation to expenses. His Lordship's conclusions meant that because of the issue of contribution, he would grant decree absolving all of the defenders other than Stena Offshore. He would accordingly award the pursuers decree against the defenders for E12,685.57.

It rather concerned his Lordship that after a proof of inurdinate length (over four years) six of the seven test actions had to be decided on a preliminary point of law. There might be considerations which had not as yet, or perhaps could not be brought to the court?

Nevertheless, the defender

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habitat

might want to deal with that matter when expenses were discussed. However, not all of the time had necessarily been wasted. The amount that his Lordship had awarded in the Stena action did not properly reflect the value of that litigation. It was a leading

had to be resolved. The total amount was over US \$9 million. excluding interest. Thus the decision in the Stena case could well be very important. Law agents: Paull & Williamson: Simpson & Marwick, WS.

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Correction In Bilton v Fastnet Highlands Ltd

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Davis Cup draw adds to pressure on Chang

TENNIS

FROM JULIAN MUSCAT IN GOTHENBURG

WITH Pete Sampras, the world No I, here to represent his country, the United States start as warm favourites today to lift the Davis Cup for the 32nd time. Adding ballast to Sampras's daunting presence is Michael Chang, the world No 3, who contests the opening rubber against Jonas Bjorkman, the linchpin of

In truth, however, this tie is far more delicately poised. The host nation duly received the lift it wanted yesterday, when the Bjorkman-Chang match was drawn first.

Only two weeks ago in Hanover, Bjorkman, probably the most improved player of 1997, inflicted a straight-sets defeat on his opponent. A similar outcome will require Sampras to beat Magnus Larsson to level the tie - and Larsson has mastered "the master" on their past two encounters. He is the only man to have beaten Sampras twice this year.

Such a cameo is all the more plausible for the impassioned support of an 11,000 sell-out crowd, all of them yearning for an extention to Sweden's outstanding recent achieve-ments. This is Sweden's eleventh final appearance in 23 years and it offers them the ideal opportunity to atone for their surprise defeat by France last year.

Certainly Larsson could not wait to get to square up to Sampras. "The most important thing is that I know what it feels like to beat him," he said, "and he knows that he can lose to me if he doesn't play to his best."

Larsson's sentiments were endorsed by Carl-Axel Hageskog, the Sweden team captain. "I think he has a

really good chance to do something big against Sam-pras and Bjorkman has good memories from his match against Chang in Hanover."

It is not inconceivable that Sweden might end the day with a 2-0 lead in the best-offive final. "He's tough and very talented," Sampras said after learning that he would face Larsson, "He's an awkward player and not easy to play at all. He will obviously be confident because he's beaten me twice. But I did beat him pretty easily at the Lipton tournament and I feel like I'm playing well."

Even Sampras, so composed when playing for him-self, acknowledged the extra burden of representing his nation. "It's different out there because you're playing for your country, your team-mates," he said. "This is not going to be an easy week."

One of the biggest surprises in the build-up was Sweden's decision to play the tie on a fast, carpet court. Conventional wisdom held that, with Sampras vulnerable on clay, Sweden would lay such a surface to neutralise his game. The party line yesterday was that Hageskog simply chose

uncomfortable



Chang and Sampras are deep in thought at practice

had played on. But Chang

begged to differ. "I didn't think

it was that fast," he said. "So

maybe it is good for Pete and

Such mental tribulations

This United States team

Sweden could effectively win the tie with the doubles rubber

The doubles is probably the weak link for the United States. Even outside the Davis Cup, Bjorkman and Nicklas Kulti have formed a successful alliance throughout the year.

good for me, too." are what make the Davis Cur a unique event; one in which world rankings and present form can have little bearing on They will fancy their chances the outcome. looks formidable on paper --but so, too, did the 1984 'Larsson is the only man to have

beaten Sampras twice this year' vintage, comprising John McEnroe and Jimmy Connors. In a memorable upset, they succumbed to Sweden 4-1 against whichever combinathe surface preferred by his players, although further tion the Americans field. in the final in this very indoor analysis suggests that the host nation wants Chang to feel A measure of Chang's aparena. It is little wonder that prehension was evident when Tom Gullikson, the United he was asked about the speed States coach, talked of laying a Tew ghosts come Sunday.

DRAW! Today: J Bjoriman v M Chang, M Larsson v P Sempras. Tomorrow:
Bjoriman and N Kulti v Metra nard J Stark (pairings subject to alteration up to one hour before start). Starday: Sempras v Bjoriman, Larsson v Chang. Chang's record on carpet of the court. Sampras, only once defeated on carpet all this year is woeful: he has lost all three matches on the year, had earlier dealt with the surface. Should he lose to both question by describing the Bjorkman and Larsson, then

Shah making late start to busy winter programme OWAIS SHAH, 19, the Middlesex batsman who has been named as captain of the England Under-19 party that flies to South Africa tonight for a ten-week tour, is to miss the early matches, including the first international. Shah has been given permission to complete the first term of a degree in business administration, a part-time course that he is spreading

In Shah's absence, the team will be led by Paul Franks, the Nottinghamshire seam bowler, who took a first-class hattrick against Warwickshire in July. Stephen Peters, the Essex opening batsman, will be vice-captain until Shah arrives in

Extensive preparations for the tour have included lectures from Michael Atherton and David Lloyd, who were keen to reinforce their ideal of "Team England", stressing that the leap from youth to Test level is not as great as it once may have seemed.

The 15 members of the party can all take heart from the example of Ben Hollioake. This time last year the Surrey youngster was setting out for Pakistan on a similar trip and made such rapid progress that he won his first Test cap last

Shah could be on a similar fast track. "David Graveney the chairman of the England electors] was in on the selection process and he sees it as

part of Owais's cricket education," John Abrahams, the team coach said. "He has extra responsibility and it is important to see how he deals with It. I think he is just starting to come to terms with what is involved and the fact that he is no longer just one of

the boys."

David Sales and Dean Cosker, who also went to Pakistan, have been promoted to the A team for the expedition this winter to Kenya and

Shah will arrive in time for the second international and the three one-day games, which lead on to the first Under-19 World Cup to be held for ten years. Australia, the holders, are taking the 16-nation tournament so seriously that Allan Border has been appointed as coach.

England have a relatively inexperienced squad but they should qualify comfortably from their group, which contains New Zealand, Namibia, and an Asian nation, the identity of which will not be known for at least a week, when the qualification tournament has been completed.

The top two teams in each of the four groups qualify for a Super League and the top two from that go forward to the final, at The Wanderers in Johannesburg.

At the start of Pebruary, Shah will link up with the A team for the Sri Lanka leg of their trip, as will Jonathan Powell, the Essex off spinner.

ENGLAND UNDER-19 DETAILS

NATWENT ENCLAND UNDER-IN- O A Strah (Moldesex, captain), P J Frants Interingtame han), I K Permeyen, Essed, M A Gough (Duthern), J O Grove (Essed, G R Haywood (Sussed, R W T Key (Kertl, A W Lereman (Modesex), R J Logan (Northamptonshire), G R Napier (Essed, S D Palers (Essed, J C Powell (Essed, C P Scholled (Lancestree), G P Swarm (Northamptonshire), M J Willion (Sussed), J T Tucker (Somensel) joins squad for early part of tour in Strah's absence, Memiger: P A Neale, Coact, J Abrahasms.

Tiest v South Africa Under-19 (Cace Town); Dec 17-19: v South African Students (Port Elizabeth); Dec 20: v South African Students (Port Elizabeth); Dec 22: v South Africa Schools Cotts (Awide); Dec 23: v South Africa Schools (Port Elizabeth); Dec 27-30: Second Test (Footwille); Jam 3: First ene-day International v South Africa Under-19 (Besond): Jam 4: Second one-day International (Footwille); Jam 9: Third one-day international (Cartulion).

LINDER-19 WORLD CUP; Jan 12 v Nav Zealand (Randjestontein); Jan 18: v No-ntibla (Randjestontein); Jan 18: v to be confirmed (Pretoria); Jan 19-30; Super Legue; Feb 1: Final (Johannesburg).

Middle order take control for India

AN UNBROKEN 98-run sixth-wicket partnership between Souray Ganguly and Anil Kumble tightened India's grip on the second Test against Sri Lanka in Nagpur yesterday. They took India to 401 for five at the end of the second day. Ganguly's 67 included 11 bound-aries, while Kumble contributed 42.

Earlier, Rahul Dravid and Navjot Sidhu had carried their second-wicket stand to 137 before Sidhu fell for 79. Dravid hit ten fours and a six in compiling 92 and Mohammad Azharuddin sustained the tempo with an

Australia's hopes held up by rain

RAIN ruined the opening day of the third Test match between Australia and New Zealand in Hobart yesterday, with only one hour's play

Mark Taylor, the Australia captain, won his first toss of the series and chose to bat, but he and his fellow opener, Matthew Elliott, faced only 15 overs before the weather intervened.

Australia, bidding to take the series 3-0 after big wins in Brisbane and Perth, were 39 for no wicket, with Elliott on 20 and Taylor 18. Attempts to get back on the field were thwarted

RUGBY LEAGUE

Cup put back in overhaul of game

By CHRISTOPHER INVINE

THE Super League international board is set to abandon the World Cup in the southern hemisphere next year in favour of a triseries tournament in Australia, between Great Britain, Australia and New Zealand, during a three-week break in the domestic season next July. A simultaneous four nations' tournament, featuring England, Scotland, Ireland and France, is proposed and, rather than the World Cup, which is being postponed until 1999, New Zealand and Western Samoa will tour Britain next autumn for

the first time. Domestically, the 12 Super League clubs have endorsed the switch to an Australian-style top-five play-off, which The Times revealed earlier this month. The end to the firstpast-the-post system means that, from next eason, the champion club will emerge from a grand final at Old Trafford, which will replace the usual finale of the Pre-

miership in September. The play-offs will be held over four weekends. The top league finishers will need to win only one game to reach the final, while the leading three are guaranteed a second chance should they lose their first match. For the fifth-placed side to become champions, they would have to beat all four teams above them. It is a popular system in Australia that. importantly, could lure sponsors after the withdrawal of Stones. As well as sustaining interest, there is the possible added incentive of a revemped world club championship between the British and Australasian grand

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Counties adopt flexible trend

THERE is a radical look to the fixture list for the 1998 English cricket season, which was announced yesterday. It is less rigid than of old, partly because of an innovative international programme - which involves the first triangular one-day tournament to be staged in England - and partly as a result of the flexibility introduced by Lord MacLaurin of Knebworth's blueprint (Simon Wilde writes).

Competition among the counties should be fierce on several fronts, with top-eight finishers in the Britannic Assurance county championship qualifying for a new Super Cup one-day competition in 1999. That year, too, the Axa Life League will be split into two divisions, with those finishing in the top nine in 1998 guaranteeing themselves places in the first

The Axa Life League - so often known as the "Sunday league" — will no longer be so simply labelled, with counties arranging games on days of the week that suit them. One reason is the trend

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There is a consequent disruption of the county championship - the first three rounds of which, for example, start on Friday, Thursday and Wednesday

where part of the square is to be relaid. Discussions are going on between Middlesex and MCC, the owner of the ground, as to how fixtures can best be distributed, but the county may play matches at Southgate and Shenley, as well as at their usual outground, Uxbridge.

in August, tours will also be undertaken by Australia A and Pakistan Under-19.

One of the most striking features of the list is the potential dearth of Middlesex matches at Lord's.

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NOBODY is better versed in the caprice of National Hunt racing than Captain Tim Forster. True, his pessimistic instincts have been confounded by some of the most cherished chasers of recent years, none more so than Dublin Flyer. The past week, however, has seemed to vindicate the trainer's most despondent expectations - providing an unnerving context for the critical test faced by the same horse at Newbury today.

It would take a return to Dublin Flyer's exhilarating best in the Jacky Upton Handicap Chase to redeem even a fraction of the agony Forster endured at Chepstov on Wednesday. Approaching the second-last fence, Doniuan Collonges was imposing his noble physique just as anticipated by those who had made

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: Raffles Rooster: (3.00 Newbury)

Raffles Rooster, an improved performer on the Flat this perioriter on the ria take summer, ran particularly well behind the well-regarded Easy Feelin at Wortester recently and looks well treated for his handicap hundle debut.

NB: Challenger Dn Lnc (2.30 Newbury)

him hot favourite. But he crumpled on landing and never rose again.

The horse's broken back placed in humbling perspective any irritation Forster felt when another favourite. Edmond, fell at the final hurdle earlier on the same card. It even belittled the chastening spectacle of Martha's Son, his Queen Mother Champion Chase winner, breaking down at Huntingdon the previous day. "I don't know what I've done wrong," an ashen Forster said. He will be tretful indeed at Newbury today. hoping that his explation is

For Dublin Flyer was simply not himself when reappearing at his beloved Cheltenham 13 days ago. Never dominating his field as he can, he eventually completed the Murphy's Gold Cup tailed



Dublin Flyer attempts to make amends for his disappointing Cheltenham performance at Newbury today

off last. Any such disappointment today, when his rivals again include Challenger Du Luc, will surely see Forster reviving a suggestion that it could be time to draw stumps with Dublin Flyer.

John Sumner, his owner, said yesterday: We've no idea what was wrong. Brendan [Powell] said he felt unsound. but he came in sound enough. while a couple of people said that he was carrying his tail in a funny way - though we'd looked at his back on the Tuesday prior to the race. We · don't want to keep him going if

hope for the best tomorrow." Suny Bay, the lavourite, is a definite runner in tomorrow's Hennessy Gold Cup, Charlie Brooks having found the Newbury turf suitably yielding when walking the course yesterday. But his relief matches the dismay of sup-porters of Dieddah, François

Doumen stressing that he is "far better on good ground". Another overseas challenger is Time For A Run, memorable winner of the Coral Cup at the 1994 Cheltenham Festival. Edward O'Grady, his

he's just trailing in, so we must trainer, acknowledges that this season will probably be the horse's "last hurrah" but professes himself only moderately pleased by his prep-race over an inadequate distance at Naas. "One can only hope that he'd improve

for the run and that the trip might help," O'Grady said.
Time For A Run carries the colours of J P McManus, who Is set for a stimulating weekend. Tomorrow's card also features the return to timber of Finnegan's Hollow, who has been living up to his sire's name (Buildozer) over fences.

while Istabraq defends his status as Champion Hurdle favourite at Fairyhouse on Sunday.

The reigning champion, Make A Stand, last season used the springboard of the Tote Gold Trophy at Newbury. It will again be subject to intense scrutiny in the Festival build-up, after the sponsor's announcement yesterday that £25,000 has been pumped into two "stepping stones" - the Tote Lanzarote Hurdle at Kempton on January 24 and a Tote Gold Trophy Trial at Ayr the following week.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

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All Blacks see red at accusations by Ackford of cheating

By MARK SOUSTER

THERE was no denying New Zealand's anger yesterday at accusarions that the All Blacks, while a superb team, were also superb cheats. John Hart, their coach, was incensed by allegations that his side deliberately broke the law during the first Test against England at Old Trafford.

Hart dismissed comments by Paul Ackford, the former England international, as contemptuous. Ackford, in effect, said yesterday that New Zealand had got cheating down to a fine art and that "cheats prospered" in Manchester through the use of "cynical, illegal" tactics. He claimed that New Zealand's willingness to concede successive penalties during the first half to orevent a try "was as intentional as it was skilful".

I am extremely disappointed." Hart said. "This All Black side has anained what it has attained by playing the game the right way."
Mike Banks, the manager, said: "In the two years I have worked

with John, at no stage has he expounded the theory that the All Blacks should transgress the laws. Hart said New Zealand had sufficient confidence in their defensive qualities. "We do not go out to kill the ball, we go out to try to avoid penalties," he said. "There are going to be times when a side goes over, but not intentionally. You are driving with force and you end up over the ball. We do not go out to stop the game intentionally. To be called cheats is a really sad day and is right out of place with

what we are trying to achieve." Returning to more routine matters. Hart confirmed that Zinzan Brooke, their one slight injury doubt, would be fit to face Wales at Wembley tomorrow.

Kevin Bowring, the Wales coach. was reluctant to be drawn into the furore, but said that gamesmanship was part of professional sport and that New Zealand "were adept at exploiting that area".

He also took time to talk to Wayne Erickson, the match referee

Bowring last night invited Simon Weston, the former Welsh Guardsman, to talk to the squad at their Buckinghamshire hotel. Weston was badly injured during the Falklands War and his experiences and his ability to triumph over adversity are attributes from which Bowring hopes and expects his team to draw strength tomorrow.

RUGBY UNION: SOUTH AFRICA DETERMINED TO REGISTER CLEAN SWEEP

England call up Greenstock

SOUTH AFRICA officials make no bones about their ambition for the final phase of their international season. To make up for disappointments earlier this year, they aim to win all five of their matches in Europe. Already three victories are in the bag, against France and Italy, and England at Twickenham tomorrow represent the fourth

"If the national side is winning, every other aspect of our rugby is strengthened, Jake White, their technical assistant, said. "Nick Mallett [the coach] hasn't just taken 15 players and put them on the field, he is selling the whole game throughout the country but development is determined by the amount of games you win. It's critical we go home with five out of

White, 33, will become manager of coaching for Gauteng when the tour ends against Scotland on December 6, but he takes great satisfaction at the advance of players such as Krynauw Otto, who previously had been underrated. Otto, the Northern Transvaal lock, has spent much of his Springbok career as back-up but has won selection alongside the experienced Mark Andrews on merit during the visit to France.

"One of the differences between Saturday's teams is the ability to score tries," White observed. "Nick Mallett has a passion for scoring tries." South Africa scored nine against Italy and 12 in the two internationals with France; seven of those 21 have come from Pieter Rossouw, the Western Province wing, whose total now is ten from nine appearances.

The other aspect relevant to the game tomorrow is the success of the British Isles in South Africa last summer. This is the nearest South Africa will come to playing a "return" match: eight members of England's XV were Lions and that has added zest to South Africa's preparations even if Mallett described this as a "new phase" after distinctly mixed results dur-ing eight internationals under the old management earlier this year.

England, he has been telling his team, are the true grand-slam side. They have been the best five nations' side for the last five years,"

"For me, they are the real grandslam winners, not France. England should never have lost the decider last season and we have to remember that last week in Paris [when South Africa won 52-10) both the weather and the French were in our favour — the first because it was sympathetic to our attacking style



Greenstock, capped three times, has forced his way into the team with some robust performances

and the second because France

played so poorly.
"England will not be the same. They played with great commitment and passion against New Zealand and we may have to play differently to win. We would like to play flamboyantly and score tries but if the defence is good, we will have to grind out a win."

England made four changes of personnel from the XV that lost 25-8 to the All Blacks and added a fifth yesterday when Phil de Glanville withdrew because of damaged ankle ligaments. His replacement in the centre, Nick Greenstock, will be winning his fourth cap and joins

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John Bentley, Darren Garforth and Danny Grewcock in playing his first international at Twickenham.

Phil was playing extremely well and it is unfortunate he will not have the opportunity to capitalise on his good form," Lawrence Dallaglio, the captain, said. "But one of the benefits we have is that English rugby is creating an extremely competitive environment. People are coming in and those left out are dying to get back. Nick Greenstock has forced his way in with some robust performances and he will look to improve his game at the higher level."

Mike Catt, who kicked so poorly against New Zealand at Old Trafford will be the first-choice goalkicker, with Matt Dawson, as Greenstock, 24 earlier this

Their confrontation will be one of several fascinating personal duels within the interestional. Depending

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Howley ready for belated chance on greatest stage

Mark Souster on the Wales scrum half keen to meet twin towers of his position

that of Robert Howley trudging off the field in Durban in June clutching a dislocated shoulder. The injury forced him to miss the three international matches against South Africa and, at the time, appeared to have dealt a serious blow to the British Isles' chances of beating the Springboks. On a personal level, it also denied him the

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opportunity of facing Joost van der Westhuizen. What happened in South Africa is still a sore point even if the shoulder is not, but another day brings another challenge and tomorrow it is Justin Marshall, the New Zealand captain, who will be Howley's opponent.

on who you listen to, both men -together with Van der Westhuizen are rivals for the accolade of the world's best scrum

'Playing New

ons tour, but it is a chance to meet the best side in the world and to compete against Mar-shall," Howley said. "New Zenland are a great side. They probably have to play below par if we are going to beat them but our spirit is great. It will be a

terrific challenge.
"It is not often you get the chance to play on the Wembley turi. It doesn't matter that we are not in Cardiff. There will be 20,000 more supporters at Wesn-

incredible. It is going to be an

ne of the saddest sights in rugby this year was will be facing New Zealand for the first time, said.

There is a discernible sense of optimism about Wales at the moment, buoyed by five successive victories and the belief that, after two years, the master plan of Kevin Bowring, the coach, is beginning to bear fruit. They have also drawn encouragement from the man-ner in which England and the English Rugby Partnership XV confronted the challenge of the All Blacks head on.

"We are going to attack. Weish sides of old may have gone out trying just to keep the score down. We have got respect for them but we have to keep the tempo of the game as high as we can for as long as we can. We will

take the challenge to New Zealand. "It is no good for 80 minutes. England showed that they are only human beings. We will have to be at the top of our game to beat them but we intend to where we think there are slight weaknesses. With the back line we have it looks a

Zealand won't make great prospect. If our front five can up for the give us some ball Lions tour and a platform to work off we can come out with a bit

more respect than we have done in recent years." Howley's speed off the mark, eye for a gap and try-scoring ability should ensure that the New Zealand back row have their hands full. He scored the final international try for Wales at the National Stadium against England in March and his return from the miseries of South Africa will be complete if he can conjure another one to help Wales to their first victory over New Zealand in 44 years

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By Our Sports Staff

JOHAN CRUYFF, Holland's

greatest player, was admitted to an Amsterdam hospital

yesterday complaining of chest pains. Doctors said that

he was "in a satisfactory condition", but would be kept under observation for a week.

and was brought here," a spokesman for the University

Hospital said. "He will be undergoing extensive tests." Cruyff, 50, underwent by-

pass surgery in 1991 after suffering a heart attack while

he was manager of Barcelona. He had recently been working

as a football commentator on

Dutch television. Officials from Bayer Lever-

kusen are to protest to Uefa

supporters by Belgian police

after the Champions' League match against SK Lierse in

Ghent on Wednesday night.

of the German club, claimed

that he had witnessed support-

ers being doused with water and beaten with sticks by

Belgian police. They were hitting women and older

people. People lying on the

ground were beaten. It was the

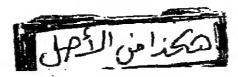
worst thing I've seen in foot-ball," Calmund said. Belgian

police said that they had acted

in self-defence.

Reiner Calmund, manage

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FOOTBALL

Gross ready to bank on bonus at Tottenham

SWITZERLAND is renowned for its secret bank accounts and utter discretion in matters of finance. Not so Christian Gross, the country's most famous recent export, the newly appointed head coach of Tottenham Hotspur, Gross, formerly of Grasshopper Zurich, has revealed that he will be paid a minimum of £450,000 a year as he tries to rescue Tottenham from the FA Carling Premiership mire.

Gross, 43, signed an 18-month contract at White Hart Lane eight days ago, shortly after Gerry Francis resigned. Although reluctant to share his innermost thoughts with the English media, he discussed his new deal with Tages-Anzeiger, the Swiss dai-

ly newspaper, this week.
"All told, I'll be earning more than SwFr I million (about £450,000) a season," he said. "After tax, it will be a little less than SwFr I million. but I will receive bonuses on top of the basic salary." Presumably, he will be suitably rewarded if he guides Tonenham away from relegation.

Gross said that he would have declined the offer of Alan Sugar, the Tottenham chairman, had Grasshopper not lost to FC Croatia Zagreb in the Uefa Cup and that he was aware he was not the first choice for the job. Sugar had preferred Ottmar Hitzield, the former Borussia Dortmund coach who is now general manager at the Bundesliga

"If we had beaten Zagreb and remained in Europe, the deal that brought me to Tottenham would not have come about," Gross said. "Ottmar was offered the chance before me, but he turned it down and put in a very good reference

"I've had approaches from foreign clubs before — from allow this to happen."

Celtic — Borussia — Mönchen — Bevid Cartole, a 1 felt this was where I wanted to go. Everything moved quickly from then on.

Ron Atkinson, the new Shef-field Wednesday manager, is looking abroad as he attempts to strengthen his squad. Arkinson was in Zagreb on Tuesday night, where he watched Igor Cvitanovic, the Croatia Zagreb striker, play in the 1-1 draw against Atletico Madrid in their Uefa Cup

third round, first-leg match. Cvitanovic, 26, has been the leading goalscorer in the Croatian league for the past three seasons. Bryan Robson, the Middlesbrough manager, tried to sign him two years ago, but Cvitanovic could not obtain a work permit. If Atkinson pursues his interest, he faces competition from Borussia Dortmund, Real Sociedad, who have made an offer of £3 million, and Werder Bremen.

Atkinson may enjoy more invitful negotiations with Covertry City for David Burrows, the defender. Burrows, who joined Coventry, then under Atkinson, from Everton, could move to Hillsborough in exchange for Mark Pembridge, the Wales and Wednesday midfield player, plus a small cash adjustment in Coventry's favour.

Wimbledon's proposed move to Dublin has again been rejected by the Football Association of Ireland (FAI). Bernard O'Byrne, the FAI chief executive, said yesterday: "We have received a fax from Sam Hammam [the Wimbledon managing director) in the past six months, which re-quested a meeting and we politely replied that there was

no agenda to talk about "We have the backing of every football authority and have taken legal advice at the highest level. The Wimbledon people can go to the European Commission or whoever they like. Very simply, we will not

Coling Bornssia Mönchen Bevid Cartolo, a midness-gladbach and SV Handburg planer, has joined Aston Villa but, at the time, I didn't feel for a morninal fee from Vasterready to join them. The mo- as, the Swedish side, after a ment Spurs came in for me, I brief trial at Villa Park. Villa. will make further payments

Fast forward Davies seeks more reruns

Nick Szczepanik

meets a young

player making

a striking impact on the Premiership

hen Kevin Da-vies turned Philippe Albert, Darren Peacock and knocked the ball nonchalantly beyond the advancing Shaka Hislop with the outside of his right foot after only five minutes of Southampton's match at St James' Park on Saturday, it could have been the goal of his career.

But for Davies, 20, in his first season in the FA Carling Premiership, it was not even his best of the month. That came against Everton in a televised game at Goodison Park - or so he recalled. "I haven't watched Match of the Day since I've played here," Davies said. "My brother and mother tape it, but I've not seen the goal at Newcastle and only caught a glimpse of the one at Everton. It doesn't reflect me." affect me."

It is to be hoped that the tapes are well looked after, for there are several memorable strikes among his ten goals for Southampton — not a bad return for a player who scored only seven for Chester-

field last season. He made his Chesterfield debut at 16, after being rejected by Sheffield United, the club he supported, and had played more than 100 League games when Graeme Souness, then the manager of Southampton, signed him in June. Souness departed ten days later, to be replaced by David Jones, but Davies saw a chance to start on an equal footing with established play-

Nevertheless, the early part of the season was uncomfort-



After initially suffering from homesickness, Davies is now happy and settled in the Southampton dressing-room

even when Davies's first goal for Southampton, against Crystal Palace, brought Jones his first win as a Premiership manager. Davies, who comes from a closely knit family, admitted to suffering from an early bout of homesickness. "I was on the bench and going home to a hotel on my own after training, but I sat down with the manager and everything has worked out

Davies has also settled into the team, Southampton's up-turn in form coinciding with him claiming a regular spot. He may not watch himself on television, but he has begun to attract the attention of a wider public.

as a substitute for the England under-21 team, has clear aims and was not surprised to find himself in the first team. When I signed, I saw there team with a small squad," he but he's taken it in his stride," said. "I rise to a challenge. I love going out and facing Liverpool or Everton but I've

I could score more. Davies and Terry Cooper, the Southampton assistant manager under both Souness and Jones, use the same words to describe his effect on defenders, "a handful". "It's a big jump from the second division to the Premiership,

only scored once in any

match. I'm scoring goals, but

He will learn from col-

leagues such as David Hirst, signed from Sheffield Wed-nesday, Southampton's opponents at The Dell tomorrow. Among their supporters will be Davies's father and, while most eyes will be on Hirst's efforts to make his mark against his former employees, a supporter of their greatest rivals may be the one

Paul Trollope has decided to leave Derby County to become the second Wales international to join Fulham in as many days. The Nationwide League second division side will pay Derby £550,000 for the mid-

field player, with £50,000 to follow if they secure promotion. Fulham also completed the signing yesterday of Steve McAnespie, the Bolton Wan-derers defender, for £100,000. Trollope, 25, will link up with his fellow Welshman, Alan Nellson, who moved from Southampton for

£250,000 on Tuesday. The signings take Fulham's spending past £4.5 million since Kevin Keegan and Ray Wilkins were brought to the club by Mohamed Al Fayed. Chris Bart-Williams, of Not-

tingham Forest, is to undergo a cartilage operation next week and will be out of action until March.

The Bolivia striker, Jaime Moreno, returned to Middlesbrough yesterday on a threemonth loan from the US

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Hinckley knit together for Trophy quest A SERIOUS question arose after two

rival clubs had merged; what should the new club take as its nickname?

With the Robins, of Hinckley Athletic, and the Eagles, of Hinckley Town, no more, a competition was held in a local newspaper - and the hosiery tradition of the Leicestershire town is now celebrated by the Knitters of Hinckley

This afternoon, Hinckley's Knitters make a 230-mile trip for an overnight stop in Barrow before playing the UniBond League premier division leaders in an FA Trophy third qualifythree rounds of the FA Cup before by Dean Thomas, the joint-manager

falling in the fourth qualifying round to Colwyn Bay, Hinckley are bidding to reach the first round proper of the Trophy and the arrival of the Vauxhall Conference clubs.

They have already seen off Stafford Rangers, after a replay, and Whitby Town, winners of the FA Carlsberg Vase last season, the latter in an extraordinary match in which Hinckley had a player sent off, went 1-0 down and won 3-1.

Seven players in the Hinckley squad were recruited from Bedworth United in its midland division.

(with John Hanna, the former Athletic manager), who enjoyed considerable success at Bedworth last season. United play in a red-and-blue striped

kit that is a judicious amalgam of Athletic red and Town claret and blue, and the committee contains seven members from each club. Kevin Downes, the chairman, and Stuart Millidge, the secretary, were both formerly with Town, a precondition laid down by the Dr Martens League for the new club to keep Town's place

Hinckley Town, but it was Town who had made the most recent progress in playing terms," Millidge said. "Town's problem was that their ground was out of the town centre, so the merger brought the new club to Middlefield Lane, Athletic's ground, where there are much better gates."

Athletic, who were in the Southern League in the 1950s and 1960s, had been playing in the Midland Alliance. The merger was adopted by 90 per cent of the shareholders. The past is behind us, we're only thinking to the "The former Hinckley Athletic had Holker Street tomorrow.

BY RAYMOND KEENE

Prodigy shines

CHESS CORRESPONDENT

It was interesting to observe that

Britain's young profigy, Luke McShane, 13, had to struggle somewhat to achieve his inter-

national master title and on a

missed the norm before, eventually

becoming Britain's youngest ever

international master. Having jumped that hurdle, though, McShane is now swiftly beginning to challenge for the grandmaster title. Here are two of his wins from

Sicilian Defeno

the London international.

Black: Angus Dunnington

White: Luke McShane

London, October 1997

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23 Ne4
24 Nxd5
25 Rac1
26 Qb3
27 Rxe4
28 gxh3
29 Kh1
30 Rxh4

White: Daniel Gormally

King's Indian Defence

SNOOKER

Newcomer Stevens shows maturity of a veteran

CONTINUING to substitute the anonymity of the Llanelli and District League for a national spotlight, Manhew Stevens reached the semifinals of a second consecutive world-ranking tournament in Preston yesterday.

Stevens, a semi-finalist at the Grand Prix last month, eased through to the corresponding stage of the Liverpool Victoria United Kingdom championship with the assurance of a veteran as he scored a 9-1 victory over Martin Dziewialtowski, whose giantkilling march was ended.

matches and my team lost 7-0 chore. If he continues to play

a new star player. Mark Williams, the world

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Those results, coupled with his breakthrough at the the best-of-17 frames today.

His father, Morrell, estimates that he drove 250,000 miles while Stevens Jr served his snooker apprenticeship on the pro-am and junior circuit. With his son now standing two wins away from a £75,000 first prize and already guaranteed £19,750, those chauffeuring duties are beginning to

Stevens has also received guidance from the owner of the club that he represents. Although he plays more aggressively and at a considerably quicker clip than Griffiths, the 1979 world champion, Stevens has similar qualities when it comes to dedication

Resurring yesterday with the luxury of a 7-1 lead,

He won the ninth frame with a 56 break, compiled despite being handicapped by a number of awkwardly positioned reds, and the tenth with a late run of 41.

Gerard Greene, the 9-2 conqueror of Steve Davis in the second round, again under-lined his lack of respect for reputation by establishing a 4-0 advantage over Ronnie O'Sullivan, the 1993 UK champion, before finishing afternoon

SPORT

Nicol goes the way of Jansher

E SQUASH: Peter Nicol, of Scotland, was beaten by Jonathon Power, of Canada, in the final of the Oatar International tournament in Doha yesterday. Power, the fourth seed, won 17-16, 15-13, 14-17, 9-15, 15-8 as he recorded his sixth PSA Tour win in a little more than a

year. The victory came after Power's win over Jansher Khan, the world No I, in the semi-finals, a win he described as the best of his

Bears reborn RUGBY LEAGUE The reborn Oldham club will

play at Boundary Park, the home of Oldham Athletic Football Club, next season under a 12-month rental agreement, revert to red-and-white booped jerseys and reintrodu their "Roughyeds" nicknam after the demise of Oldham Bears.

Best in demand E RUGBY UNION:

Newport have emerged as front-runners to secure the services of the former England coach, Dick Best, as director of rugby. Best yesterday settled a dispute

with Harlequins, who dismissed him six months

Lonard leads

GOLF: Peter Louard, the Australian Masters champion, recorded a par 63 to take a two-stroke lead in the opening round of the Australian Open in Melbourne yesterday. He leads Andrew Coltart, of

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent Defence is one of the hardest areas of the game. Would you have

avoided the trap on the following hand? Rubber bridge

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Pass AR Pass Against Four Hearts, West

leads the queen of clubs, covered by the king and ace. East cashes the jack of clubs, but what should he play next? It looks routine to play a third club but if declarer ruffs high - which seems likely - then West is unable to overruff and the cat will be well and truly out of the bag. Even the most unenterprising declarer will now, surely, reject the trump finesse and pin his hopes on East's "marked" king being

So East should switch to a spade at trick three and not reveal the position. A suspicious declarer will still come to the right conclusion as to why East did not continue with a third club: but at least East will not have provided an exact blueprint of the lay-out.

the latest Batsford bridge books, Basic Defence by Freddie North. It is available direct from the publisher on 01376

D In its "Movers and Shak-

ers" series, Channel 4 is showing a programme on Monday about the efforts of a North London housewife to cut the mustard at the Young Chelsea Bridge Club. Though there's not much in the way of technical content there are one or two good scenes at the YC. The programme's claim that the YC is "the toughest bridge club in the country" is incorrect - that title belongs to TGR's.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

PLOCHTEACH a. A supply teacher b. A board game

FLAPDRAGON a. A pancake b. A biplane

c. Raisins in brandy

c. A sheep disease

GUTTLE a. To make a pig of oneself b. To catch a fish by hand c. Idle gossip ARISTOLOGY

a. The study of nobs b. The art of lunching



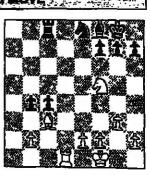
WINDING MOVE

By Raymond Keene White to play. This position is

Ca3

from the game Speelman — Velimirovic, Maribor 1980. Black's advanced queenside pawns give him an edge in this endgame. How did Speelman now neutralise Black's efforts to win the game?

Solution on page 50



WALL STREET

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"I've had to miss two league

By PHIL YATES

last night," Stevens, 20, said with youthful enthusiasm, untainted by any sense of lowkey local engagements being a with such panache, the Terry Griffiths Matchroom Club will surely be forced to look for

Stevens constructed a 143 televised highest-break prize of £1,500 during a 9-8 win over Tony Drago, the No 11 seed, in the last 32 before defeating

5,12%

total clearance to earn the pre-

Grand Prix, suggest that the former United Kingdom junior champion possesses the credentials to surprise Alan McManus or Stephen Hendry, the title-holder, over "Even when things weren't

going too well I never lost any of my self-belief. Stevens, who despite his tender years has an abundance of competitive experience on which to

look a solid investment.

and commitment.

Stevens completed victory only 29 minutes into the concluding session as Dziewialtowski surrendered

Dalton finds nowhere to hide

Edward Gorman sees

a great sailor wipe

the egg from his face and hatch a new plan

for the rest of the race

THIS was the most painful of Whitbread finishes: the great Grant Dalton, in his fifth Whitbread Round the World Race, the winner of the maxi class in the previous race, struggling into Fremantle in seventh place at the end of the second leg. 95 hours behind the leg-winner, Gunnar Krantz, on Swedish Match

In doing so, Dalton, of New Zealand, and his highly rated crew on Merit Cup have blown a huge hole in one of the best-prepared Whitbread campaigns, amassing just 48 points for the leg and slipping to fifth place overall.

Never, even in their worst nightmares, did Delton and his team envisage. did Dalton and his team envisage arriving anywhere in seventh place. On the dock, under a starlit sky, it

was agonising to watch as Dalton, or "Daits" as he is known, stepped sheepishly ashore, hands in pockets, to face race officials who, oblivious to the realities of the situation, persevered with the second-leg medal ceremony and then the presentation to Dalton and his crew of two magnums of

Rarely can such excellent wine have been more predictably and needlessly wasted. Dalton himself declined the

'Never in their worst nightmares did they envisage arriving anywhere in seventh'

chance to spray the waiting camera-men, so two of his crew, with ruthless and unsmiling intent, sprayed him instead, emptying the lot without a drop passing their lips.
In the background, not visible but

present in the minds of many of those watching, were the all-women crew on EF Education. With just 65 miles left to sail as Dalton crossed the line, they must have been glowing with satisfaction. They had not beaten him, but to finish within as little as five hours of Merit Cup over 4,600 miles of the Southern Ocean was humiliating for a man who has often had the temerity to say that all-women crews have no place racing against the men in the

Dalton is a decent man, though, and he was big enough to acknowledge, not only that he had a little egg on his face, but also that Christine Guillou and her crew on EF Education deserved praise for the way in which they have applied themselves during one of the toughest legs in the Whitbread.

If they had beaten us, I would have stabbed myself through the heart with the dividers on the chart table," Dalton said. "Another of the crew would have done something unprintable with a pineapple." A few minutes later, at the dockside press conference, he added: They [the women] actually did a really nice job - these are very physical boats and they did a really nice iob."

Although admitting that this was the



Dalton tries to put a brave face on his second-leg embarrassment after limping into Fremantle yesterday

being consistent for a leg and we will

It all went irretrievably wrong for

have to win the next leg.

worst experience of his long professional sailing career. Dalton came ashore with a bruised ego but showing all the signs of a man ready to fight back. Obviously we are angry with ourselves, but once my ego has corrected itself, we'll be able to sit down and reflect on what went wrong," he said. "I firmly believe that to win, you have

Merit Cup on the eighth day out from Cape Town, when Dalton and his longtime navigator, Mike Quilter, got themselves caught out to the north while in fourth place. Suddenly, boats behind them that had been prepared to to be consistent. We have stopped



Christine Briand, left, and Bridget Suckling helped to keep *EF Education* within striking distance of Dalton and *Merit Cup* on the second leg

further south, were flying as they got the best of a new low-pressure system, while Merit Cup floundered in light winds, quickly slipping 100 miles behind the pack. Soon they were in completely different weather and, while Lawrie Smith, on Silk Cut, and the others ahead started stacking up 400-mile days, Dalton was drifting into what he called "delivery mode".

Yesterday he said that he had always timed to be race leader by the time the flect reached Auckland, at the end of the fourth leg, if an overall win was to be achieved. In view of this prospected ethack, he has revised his strategy and now hopes to lead by Fort Lauderdale, at the end of the sixth of the nine legs. Dalton also said that he would be employing a new meteorological team to advise Quilter, who would work alongside his existing router, Bob Rice, with whom Merit Cup have an exclusive contract.

In common with an increasing number of skippers in this fascinating race, Dalton is delighted that the old elapsed-time scoring system is now history. "Thank heavens for the points system," he said, to howls of laughter all round. "I am a big fan of the points system — there's no doubt about that."

Too young to drink

The 999 series is usually about people who go through dreadful experiences but manage to survive to tell the tale. The tradition is broken tonight in a special addition devoted to under-age drinking. Among those not appearing is Graham Bailey. He died on a railway line next to the pub where he had drunk more than six pints of lager at a friend's birthday party. He was 14. We also hear about Leigh Green, who became addicted to alcohol after starting drinking at 11. The habit has not only split his family but led him to crime and prison. These and other cases put flesh on a survey showing that some 140,000 children in Britain under 16 drink the equivalent of seven pints of beer a week. The programme includes an information film on the physical and social effects of alcohol, made with the Health Education Authority.

War Walks

BBC2, 8.00pm. Professor Richard Holmes may remind some viewers of Dr Magnus Pyke, another man of learning who became a distinguished television populariser. The two men are not dissimilar in looks and they have the same bustling enthusiasm for their subject. In the arm-waving department, for their subject. In the arm-waving department, however, Pyke still reigns supreme. Tunight, Holmes reaches the English Civil War and the decisive battle at Nasely in Northamptonshire in June 1645. Even those who find the period less than gripping will respond to Holmes's spirited narrative which, as usual, is good on the historical background and the weaponry and does its best to evoke the sense of place. But while the site of the conflict is still yielding up musket balls and other artefacts of battle, the belds of oil seed rape give the area a most un-17th century appearance.

This is essentially a variation on the Crimewatch formula of using television to appeal to the public to help solve crimes. As the title implies, the emphasis is on people the police most want to find the company of the public of the property of the company of whether dangerous criminals or missing persons thought to be at risk. One of tonight's appeals



concerns a serial rapist. According to forensic tests he has committed three attacks in the past two cars but the police suspect him of many more. He years but the police suspect him of many more. He is thought to be a lorry driver and his attacks are becoming more vicious each time. The series also includes features on the latest developments in detection and novel ways of ramming home advice on crime prevention. The hosts are Penny Smith, who presents Crime Monthly in the ITV London region, and Dermot Murnaghan of ITN and The Big Story.

Heny Wainthropp Investigates BBC1, 9.30pm

Patricia Routledge's OAP detective returns for a third series to right more wrongs and to leave the world, or at least Lancashire, a better place. Like Dangerfield, which it has succeeded in this slot, this is a show to feel comfortable with. The portents may appear to be on the dark side, and none more so than in tonight's plot about an arsonist terrorising a council estate. But what appear to be big crimes turn out to be containable and nobody sets seriously hurt. Although it is not very big crimes turn out to be containable and nobody gets seriously hurt. Although it is not very believable that a woman should celebrate her senior citizenship by setting up a detective agency, and even less that the police should take her seriously. Routledge's expert and sympathetic performance is a continued delight. The same can be said of Dominic Monaghan as Herry's even more unlikely warms assistant. more unlikely young assistant. Peter Waymark

RADIO CHOICE

Performance on 3: Prokofiev Festival Radio 3, 7.30pm

The pick of a pretty thin night is this, the first of three broadcasts from the Festival Hall which will feature works by Sergei Prokofiev that are not often played. Tonight's programme, narrated by Simon Callow, focuses on early compositions, written at a time when Prokofiev, having won a place at the St Petersburg Conservatory when he was only 13, had emerged as an ami-traditionalist. Tonight's programme starts with the Violin Concerto No 1 and includes, at 8.25, Chout: Tale of the Buffoon, a ballet commissioned by Diaghilev. That is preceded, at 8.05, by a word portrait of the composer who had written two operas by the age of 11 and whose musical output was to continue to be prodigious for the rest of his life (he died in 1953).

RADIO 1

6.30mm Kevin Greaning and Zoe Ball 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Jo Whiley, Includes at 12.30pm Newsbeat 2.00 Mark Radolitie 4.00 Dave Pearcs 5.46 Newsbeet 6.00 Pets Tong: Essential Selection 9.00 Judge Jules 11.00 Westwood: Radio 1 Rep Show 2.00em One in the Jungle 4.00 Charlie Jorden

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RADIO 5 LIVE

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VIRGIN RADIO

5.00cm Jeremy Clark 7.00 Lynn Parsons 10.00 (FM) Flobin Benis (AM) Grahem Dene 1.00pm (FM) Nick Abbot (AW) Nicky Home 4.00 Ruse in Jono 7.00 (FM) Paul Coyte (AM) Ceimin Jones 10.00 Mark Forset 2.00cm Richard Porter

TALK RADIO

6.30em Bill Overton and Carol McGiffen 9.00 Scott Chisholm 12.00 Lorreine Kelly 2.00pm Torreny Boyd 4.00 Peter Deeley 7.00 Moz Dee's Sportszone 10.00 Mike Allen 1.00em Mike Dickin

Lers Dance Radio 4. 10.00am (FM only)

This series is fast establishing itself as a useful social history of the 20th century, at least to the extent that the flamboyance or otherwise of out-ward behaviour tends to mirror the outlook and confidence levels of society as a whole. Let's Dance is about party-going rather than dancing as such and this second programme tracks the decline of formal balls, which began to lose their status late in the Edwardian era. But if that helped to make dancing less formally visible and certainly less of a measure of social position, every era has nonetheless used dancing to some extent as an excuse for a get-together, not excluding the raves of the 1990s attended by young people in numbers that some football chibs would kill for. Peter Barnard

WORLD SERVICE

6.00mm Newsday 6.15 Europe Today 7.60 News 7.15 Off the Shelf: The Handmaid's Tale 7.30 Music Review 8.00 News 8.10 News 8.10 Per 2.00 News 8.10 Per 2.00 Newsday 8.01 News 8.10 News 8.10 News 8.10 Newsday 8.10 Newsday 8.10 Newsday 8.10 Newsday 8.10 Newsday 8.15 Children in Conversation 9.30 BBC English: Speaking of English: \$45 Sports Roundup 10.00 Newsday 10.30 Assignment 11.00 Newsday 11.30 Focus on Fath 12.00 News 12.05 News 12.05 Newsday 12.30 Major Killers 12.45 Sports Roundup 10.00 Newsday 12.30 Major Killers 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 Newshour 2.00 News 2.06 Outlook 2.30 Musitirack: Attenuative 3.00 News; News in German (648 only) 3.05 Football Extra 3.15 Journey to the Centra of the Atom 3.30 Science in Action 4.00 News 4.15 The New Europe 4.30 The World Today; News in German (648 only) 4.45 Britain Today 5.00 Europe Today 5.30 Motorid Business Report 5.45 Sports Roundup 6.00 Newsday 6.30 Musitirack: 7.20 Newsday 7.01 Outlook 7.25 Pause for Thought 7.30 Musichack 7.01 Outlook 7.25 Pause to: Thought 7.30 Mistracic Alternative 8.00 Newshour 9.00 News 9.05 World Business Report 9.15 Pitein Tolley 8.30 People and Politics 12.00 Newsdeek 10.30 The New Europe 10.48 Sports Roundup 11.00 News 11.05 Outlook 11.30 Multitrack Alternative 12.00 Newsdeek 12.30 mm From the Weeldes 12.45 Britain Today 1.00 Newsdeek 1.20 Just a Minute 2.00 Newsday 2.30 People and Politics 3.00 News 3.05 World Business Report 3.15 Sports Roundup 3.30 Science in Action 4.00 Newsdeek 4.30 The World Today 4.55 Off the Shell

CLASSIC FM

8.00em Nick Balley with Morning March and Breakfast Baroque 9.00 Herry Kelly. Michael Barry's Classic Recipe is balled meringue applies. Plus, Classic Mesterplece and Kelly's Club Sandwich 1.00pm Listaniar Recipes II Hour 2.00 Concerto. Schumann (Violin Concerto ip D minor) 3.00 Jamie Crick 7.00 Newsnight 7.20 Sonata, Mozart (Platro Sonata No 15 in F) 8.00 Evening Concert. Holet (Symphosic Poem Indra); Shankar (Yaman Kalyan); Rhreisty-Kohestov (Musical Picture Sadio); Soriatin (Poem of Ecstasy); Holet (Crimal Hymne from the Rig Vede); Chavez (Sinfonia India) 10.00 Michael Mappin 2.00em Concerto (r) 4.00 Selly Peterson

RADIO 3

8.00am, On Air, with Andrew McGregor. Haydn (String Quartet in D minor. Fiftis); Debusey (Printemps). Beethoven (Egmont Overture); Handel (Music for the Royel Fireworks); Gerstwin, transcr Gibbone (Overture, Girl Crazy); Mozart (Flute and Harp

Morning Collection, with Peter Hobday, Schubert (Overture Rosamunde); Bach (Tocceta and Fugue in D minor); Gluck (Dance of the Blessed Spirits); iszt (Transcendental Studies Nos 9-12) 10.00 Mustical Encounters, with Mary Miller. Robert
Burns (Scots Whe Hae); Gasparini (Through the
Locking Glass); Rubinstein (Barcarolle No 4);
Mahler (Buckart Lieder); Beethovers (Cato Soneta
in A); Sibelius (Luonnotar); Mahler (Lieder Eines
Enhanden Capaciers)

Fahrenden Gesellen)

12.00 Composer of the Weelc Hassenet

1.00pts Performance on 3. Chember Music from
Menchester. The Fixwilliam Quertet performs
Haydn's Seven Lest Words on the Cross

2.00 The BBC Archive. Schubert editions of pianomusic and string quertets. Stephen Plaistow
Introduces these early quartets cliested by the

Introduces three early quarters played by the Aleics Quartet of Stuttgert and pays tribute to the planist Meria Donalca, a Schnabel pupil, who died last year. Includes Schubert (String Quartet in D. Plano Piece in E fish, Sonate in C. Reliquie; "... Quartet in C. Andardino Varie in B minor), Plus Freib Worsel and Lance (Sith prisoner prefere

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solos by Jean-Beptiste Krumphotz and Jan Ladislav Dussek in performances by Musica Fabula: Sarah Pillow, sopreno, and Jan Walti

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9.36 Designs for Living (Sounding the Century). Presented by Susan Merling. What is the luture of domestic architecture? (5/5)

10.00 Hear and Nove. Stephen Prati Introduces the first of timer reports from the Hudderstield Confernporary Music Featival. Kammanensemblen under Torminy Andersson performs world premieres of works by Karin Rehmovist and Christer Lindwal. Plus The Citada 17to, Hidle Torgersen, mazzo, Bjom Rabben, percussion, and Kaoneth Karisson, plano, perform recent Norwegian work and the first performance of a Feetival commission from Jernes Clarke

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11.30em Documenting the Blues, Paul Oliver
ciscusses field recordings of the black American
folk songs (7/8)
1.00 Through the Night, with Donald Macleod

RADIO 4

5.55cm (LW) Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Bristing 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Preyer for the Day 6.50 Today 8.40 Yesterday in Parliament 8.56 Westher 9.00 News 9.05 Desert Island Discs. Sue Lavier/s castaway is the theete producer Therma Hot (f) 9.45 Feedback. Presented by Chris Dunidey

NAS Freedback, Presented by Chris Dunkley
10.00 (LW) An Act of Worship
10.00 (FM) News; Let's Dancel See Choice (2/4)
10.15 (LW) On This Day, with Geoffray Wheeler
10.30 Woman's Heur, Introduced by Futh Wishart
11.30 The Natural History Programme
12.00 News; You and Yours, Mark Whitbler presents reports on consumer and accel affairs 12.25pm The Food Programme 12.55 West 1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke 1.40 The Archers 1.55 Shipping Forecast 2.00 News, Classic Serial: War and Peace

2.00 News; Cassac Serial: War and Peace, Lot Toistoy's epic novel. It is 1805, and the Austrians — Russia's affias — have been routed by Napoleon, leaving Kutuzoy's army, and in particular Prince Andrei Bolkonsky, facing almost certain armitilation at Austerlizz (2/10) (t) 3.00 The Affernoon Shift, with Laurie Taylor.

4.00 News; 4.05 Kaleidoscope. Tim Marlow finds out what will be in the Millernium Dome with the help of Standard Resider consistent, and

of Stephen Bayley, project consultant, and members of the public

4.45 Short Story: Her First Ball, by Katherine
Mansfield, read by Sara Coward (f)
5.00 PM, with Clare English and Claris-Lowe 5.50
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6.00 Str. O'Clock News

6.30 Going Phaces. David Stafford presents more ideas for the weekend shead, includes the travel writer Frank Berrett in search of the real-life Torn Butter's schooldays at Rupby 7.00 News 7.05 The Archers 7.20 Pick of the Week, with Chris Serie 8.65 Any Questions? Glenda Jackson, Charles Kernsdy and David Wiletts join Jonathan Dimbleby in Canterbury, Kert 8.50 Law in Action, with Marcel Berlins 9.15 Latter from America. Allsteir Cooke with another sice of Américana

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10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lusting

10.45 Book at Bedtline: Another Time, Another Place. Jessie Kesson's account of an Aberdeenshire farm which takes on foreign syrices in 1944 (5/10)

11.00 Week Ending. Satrical review of the week's news, with Sally Grace, Jon Glover, Dave Lamb and Saah Parkinson

11.25 Fourth Column. More wit and wladom from the nice people who put the world to rights on a weekly basis

11.45 Today in Parliament

12.00 News 12.30am The Late Boole Hotel for the Holidays, by Jay McInemey, read by William Hope (r)

12.45 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service

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Clifton seek to travel down road of change

CLIFTON, who face a 600-mile round trip in the English Hockey Association Women's Cup on Sunday, are thankful for a Premier League home game against Sutton Coldfield tomorrow (a Correspondent writes). The fourth-round cup draw against Whitley Bay is "a nightmare", according to the Clifton manager, Graham Culliford, who would like a regionalised draw until the

"Flying on Sunday would have used up our entire Scottish Life sponsorship money of £2,000," he said. "The chosen option of a coach and overnight stay is still a huge expense. Apart from that, it is crucifying the players, who will have a hard fixture the day before on Saturday."

Clifton, in second place,

should maintain their league

position at the expense of a Sutton Coldiield side that has dropped into the relegation zone with only four points from six games. In other games, Hightown

HOCKEY

visit Slough in the league and are at home to Camerbury, of the first division, in the cup; Doncaster meet a depleted Ipswich side in the league and Blueharts, of the second division, in the cup; and Olton travel to Trojans in the league and Taunton Vale in the cup. ☐ Kerry Moore, a midfield player, and Katy Roberts, a goalkeeper, are the only newcorners to the 1998 England squad of 24 announced yesterday.

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(c) "A play in which they eatch raisins out of burning brandy and, entinguishing them by closing the mouth, eat them." That is, snapdragon. If you can play snapdragon, you can play flapdragon. The original sense may have been identical with a dialectal sense of snapdragon, viz. a figure of a dragon's head with snapping Jawa, carried about by the nummers at Christmas.

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Reading set sights

on double MANAGERS and coaches

generally disapprove of dou-ble headers because of the physical strain on players (Sydney Friskin writes). However, nine premier division clubs are involved in the fifth round of the men's English Hockey Association Cup on Sunday and all 12 face a full programme league tomorrow, Three previous winners,

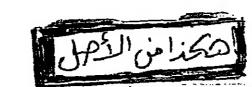
ton, Guildford and East Grinstead, have been eliminated from the cup competition, leaving the top three sides in the league, Cannock, Southgate and Reading, with their sights on the double this

Reading have an easier weekend, having beaten East Grinstead in the fourth round of the cup a fortnight ago and Southgate in the league last With an unchanged side,

they have a league engagement against Teddington and a cup-tic against Barford Tigers. Both are away Cannock, according to

Martin Gilbody, their manager, are still shell-shocked after the 6-1 defeat at Canterbury last week, but will make no changes for the home matches against Guildford in the eague and Old Loughtonians in the cup.

that Hounslow will need for their away cup match against Canterbury. Paul King, the Hounslow manager, expects Nick Taylor, his goalkeeper. to be kept busy, but said: "Much will depend on how Bollond plays in deep de-



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A fond, sad farewell to Flora and the Grove I t wasn't quite "stop all the course—nobly recovering the bag clocks" time, but it was close. that contained all her treasured

Up and down the country possessions only to discover yesterday afternoon, front rooms that ... it was too late. Between smiffs, distraught parents wondered how they could spare their children such awful things while, between dabs, sensible children wondered how to tell them they already knew. There, there, Mum. People get sick, people die its natural. Net on children's television, it isn't." Certainly it wasn't when I was a legitimate watcher of children's television rather than an occasional viewer, I've had a long, hard think — Belle and Sebastian. The Singing Ringing Tree, Follyfoot— and I can't remember anybody dying. Elderly relatives occasionally "went away", and one or two animals, but nobody actually died

Death, like everything else in Byker Grove, happens quickly and it is this pace that allows the longrunning series, based loosely on a Newcastle youth centre, to tackle subjects that perhaps only Grange Hill has come close to in the past. If Karen (Kimberly Dunbar) just happens accidentally to set fire to ber mean employer's hair salon. you know that in the next couple of scenes she will have owned up (twice) and been cautioned by the

evertheless, while good always wins in the end, some of the storylines in the series, tackling such subjects as racism, bullying and under-age sex, have made for slightly uncomfortable viewing. At least for

But Flora's death was beautifully done. Chris Woodger was the epitome of awkward adolescent confusion as Terry and Kerryann



Matthew Bond

Christiansen heart-stoppingly moving as Flora. Her best scenes were probably on Tuesday. By yesterday afternoon, as her brain tumour took its final grip, all Flora could do was lie in bed, meticulously plan her own funeral and tell her mother - gulp - that she loved her. Oh no, not again; has anybody got a hankie, please? Anybody wondering what I'm doing watching children's selelatest offering for grown-ups. "I'm bored rigid," announced Simon, midway through Pommies. Me On paper, Pommies must have

looked such a good idea, a threepart documentary about expatriate Brits who live in Australia. Should be interesting and funny: perfect. But if it was interesting and funny, what was it doing on at 10pm. especially on a channel that is increasingly aware of the box-office appeal of lightweight documentaries? Being very bad and very boring was what it was doing. It should have been refreshing to see a documentary-maker aban-

don the fly-on-the-wall technique, but what Brian Hill replaced it with made you long for a rerun of Sylvania Waters. He just didn't have enough material, especially material that was - to embrace the vernacular — on message. Did the making of a commercial for

much to do with being a Brit in Australia? Despite the fact it was Pommies. written by one - to wit, Simon saw hours of it.

Till's disappointingly straightforward ap-proach was to allow his three subjects (two men and one couple) to say their party piece to camera. So Simon, the copywriter. cracked a lot of pre-rehearsed jokes ("the thing I miss most about England? France"); Rowan, the television producer, banged on about failings in Australia's nat-ional character; and the Boyles complained a lot. They'd decided

to come home, you see. They had been there for seven years, during which time they appeared to have gone off the beach, the views, the birds, the beer, the barbecues, the steaks, the sausages, the mosquitoes, the jelly-

vision, can't have seen Channel 4's Australian cheese really have fish, the snakes, the ants and the sharks. Me - I'd just gone off

> Thankfully, the edition of Dispatches (Channel 4) that preceded it was rather better. It was hardly ground-breaking — there have been doubts about the worth of the ten-year warranty issued by the National House Builders Council since Noah failed to tie-in the timbers of his Ark - but the familiar stories of incompetent builders and inadequate compensation were well marshalled and

made decent viewing.
Faced with the complaints, the new chief executive of the NHBC bravely chose to conduct a lengthy damage-limitation exercise on camera. With one or two excep-tions, he made a pretty good job of it. But then, as he explained, he wasn't a housebuilder at all. His background was local govern-ment. Glutton for punishment,

6.00em Business Brankfast (82393) 7.00 BBC Brankfast News (1) (87751 7.00 BBC Breakfast Nows (1) (87751) 9.00 Good Living (5280206)

9.25 Style Challenge (5292041) 9.50 KBroy (1) (2673193) 10.30 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (1981995) 10.55 The Reelly Useful Show (7587645)

yesterday afternoon, front rooms that normally echo to the sound of

noisy teatimes fell quiet, the silence

broken only by a familiar tele-vision theme tune and the sound of

sobbing. The last episode of Byker Grove (BBCI) had just finished

and Flora had actually died. No

miracle cure, no last-minute remis-

the pink balloon rising symbolical-

ly into the Tyneside sky, children

everywhere will have faced the same challenge. How to cheer up a

parent who can't stop crying.
Disgusting handkerchiefs

dabbed asslewardly at pink-rimmed eyes. "Come on, Mum — she's not really dead, it's only television." The sobbing subsided,

but only as long as it took for the

BBC1

emotional parent to remember was running away from bome.

Terry — Terry who loved Flora, of She only had a headache then.

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11.35 Change That (9516026) 11.35 Change (1) (6977577) 12.05pm Cull My Bluff (6864995) 12.35 Give Us A Clos (2996374) 1.00 One O'Clock News (1) (97138)

1.30 Regional News (84017886)

1.40 The Weather Show (59568751) 1.45 Neighbours Phi and Ruth make plans for a weekend away [1] (44020119) 2.05 Quincy Jack Klugman stars (r) (2680684)

2.55 Wogen's Bost of Blanksty Blank (1) (7607157) 3.30 Playdaya (8848409) 3.50 Deer Mr Barker (3550848) 4.05 The All New Popeye Show (5086799) 4.18 Casper (3517157) 4.25 Record Breakers (1464409)

5.00 Newsround (1) (5198732) 5.10 Blue Peter The team investigate global climate changes (F) (9049732)

5.35 Nelchbours (f) (T) (525515) 6.00 Stx O'Clock News (1) (799) 8.30 Regional News (751)
7.00 Westernel: Watchdog with AnseRobinson (I) (2652)

7.30 Top of the Pops Videos, studio performances and a countdown of the latest chart-climbers (1) (935) 8.00

909 Lifeamers Young people's attitudes to alcohol concern Michael Buerk in a special programme (T) (6732) 8.30 Only Fools and Horses Love is in the air

for the Trotter brothers as the new spark in-Rodney's life brings. It chance encounter with one of Del's old flames. David Jason stars (r) (T) (5867) 9.00 Nine O'Clock News (T) (4119)

Hetty Wainthropp Investigates in the first of a new series, Hetty gets cosy with a quiton who is terrorising a local housing estate with a series of arson attacks. With Patricia Routledge (1) (474577) 10.20 The Wogen Years Dustin Hoffman, Paul

The Wogen Years (Mison Horman, Paul McCariney, Gregory Pedic, Goldie Hawn and the Thres Tenors join the amable host for a chat (f) (1) (173596) WALES-10.20 Picture: Wales (700480) 11.55 Snocker: UK Championship (790732) 12.45am; Film: Mr. Baseball (293542) 2.25 News baselines and washer. 2.25 News headlines and weather (4712982) 2.30 BBC News 24

19,55 Snooker: UK Chempionship Dougle Donnelly presents the concluding frames from today's first best-of-17 semi-final at Preston's Guild Hall (600225)

11.45 Mr Baseball (1993) Sporting cornedy, starring Ton Seleck as a fading baseball star offered the chance to rejuvenish his career by joining a team in Japan. Directed by Fred Scheplei (659577) 1.20am Weather (9290184) 1.25 BBC News 24

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6,00em Social Sciences: Global Firms in the Industrialising East (1) (31454) 6.36 Yes, We Never Say No (58751) 7.00 See Hear Breakdest News (1) (6630193) 7.15 Telestabbles (f) (466 1916) 7.40 The Perils of Penelope Pistop (f) (2935157) 8.06 Smart (f) (f) (2515954) 8.30 William's Wish Wellingtons (9319206) William's Wish Wellingtons (9319206) 8.35 Wishing (r) (4206480)

8.45 The Record (9201935) 9.10 Music Makers (2805867) 9.30 Watch (419864) 9.45 Come Outside 10.00 Telemblies (r) (49003) 10.30 Look and Read (2027409) 10.50 The Art (2007645) 11.10 Landmarks (r) (T) (1223596) 11.30 English File: George Biot (6954) 12.00

Scene (11645) 12.30pm Working Lunch (7.1515) 1.00 The Little Polar Sear (72049026) 1.05 Pingu

1.10 The History Hour from the Coins Valley 2.10 Snooker: UK Championship The first

nemi-final (23956409) 6.00 The Simpsons Bart turns detective to clear Krusty the Clown of committing a robbery (r) (1) (696003)

8.20 Electric Circus News, views and reviews from the world of entertainment. Presented by Margherita Taylor (618867) 6.40 Snooker: UK Championable More ive action from today's first semi-final

7,30 Earth and Life: Cosmic Bullets How meteorites have shaped the Earth's history (T) (577) War Walks II: Naseby Richard Holmes Visits

Naseby, where in 1645 Charles I was defeated by the Parliementarians in the most crucial conflict of the English Civil War (T) (4374) 8.30 Geoff Hamilton's Paradise Gardens (r)

(T) (3409) 9.00 Shooting Stars (r) (1) (5481)



Paul Whitehouse stars (9.30pm)

9.30 The Fast Show Comedy sketches featuring a remake of Whisky Galore, the antics of the Suit You tailors and Unlucky All's funfair activentures (51751)

10.00 Have 1 Got News for You Satirical quiz with team captains lan Histop and Paul Menton joined by guests Warren Mitchell and Haitie Hayridge (12374) 10.28 Video Nation Shorts (640645)

10.30 Newsnight (1) (870157) 11.15 The A Force Roy Diamond and guest Mr Motivator introduce the best in black antentalisment (310916)

1.00mm VR 5 Sydney journeys back in time to an East German railway station, where she uncovers some startling facts (I)

1.49 Quantum Leap (r) (5534894)

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6.00em GMTV (4752595) 9.25 Supermarket Sweep (T) (5278461) 9.55 Regional News and weather (6795190) 10.00 The Time, the Place (76157) 10.30 This Morning (48071935) 12.20pm Regional News (6966461)

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12.55 Moneyspinners (1) (2990190) 1.25 Home and Away (1) (90648913) 1.50 Murder, She Wrote (5349916) 2.50 WALES: The Pulse (1) (8331751) 2.50 Yan Can Cook (8331751) 3.20 News (T) (8650409) 3.25 Regional News (T) (8642480)

2.30 Jayes' World (3574428) 3.40 Trich (3554664) 3.55 Bernard's Welch (8845312) 4.15 The Best of Hey Arnold (1) (6682026) 4.40 Fun House (1)

5.10 A Country Practice (9501683) 5.40 ITN Early Evening News (1) and weether (768393)

6.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (502190) 6.25 Weather (884577) 6.30 WALES: Wates Tonight (119) 6.30 The West Tonight (119)

7.00 Bruce's Price is Right (1) (5480) 7.30 Coronation Street Des decides it's time for Les to back off (1) (913)



8.00 The Bill When a good deed misfres badly, Ackland (frudie Goodwin) finds heraelf on the wrong end of an investigation (T) (1428)

8.30 Blind Man Phil crosnises a housewarming party (T) (7585) Most Wanted A new series in which Dermot Murnaghan and

10.00 News at Ten (1) and weather (49428) 10.30 WALES: HTV News (261515) 10.30 The West Tonight Update (261515)

12.25am Tales from the Crypt (5776271) 12.50 The Paul Ross Show (3247558)

involving high-school girls is heading nowhere until help comes from a conman's knowledge of Texas low life.

Acidand faces the music (8.00pm)

Penny Smith appeal for public help in tracking down Britain's most wanted criminals (T) (9157)

10.40 Columbo: Agenda for Murder With Peter Felk (31104157)

2.20 Pair of Aces (1990) With Wille Nelson and Kris Kristofferson. A Taxas Ranger's investigation into a series of murders

Directed by Aaron Liostadt (152829) 4.05 Movie Club (r) (41227320) 4.30 Breskings (11903726) 4.40 Coach: Jailbrids (38348435)

5.00 Coronation Street (r) (T) (90707)

5.30 News (50504)

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As HTV West except: 12.55-1,25 A Country Practice (2990190) 2.50-3.20 Our House (8331751) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (9601683) 5.59-6.00 Air Watch (266886) 6.25-7.00 Central News (884577) 10.40 Central Weekend Live (6158886) 12.10em Campus Cops (1615691) 12.40 The Paul Ross Show (3159349)

2.10 The LADS (3792829) 2.40 Box Office America (2053813) 3.05 Baywatch (5457455) 3.50 Helter Skeiter (7190558) 4.40 Central Jobfinder '97 (2092271)

5.20 Astan Eye (9870504)

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1.25 Wild About Devon. The Rev Steve Wild is lost in the wilds of Dartmoor (79093022)1.55 Westcountry Update (97435848)

2.25-3.20 Blue Heelers (2686848) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (9501683) 8.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (43732) 12.25am Weekly World News (5776271)

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5.40am Sesame Street (75003) 7.00 The Big. Breakfast (70461) 9.00 Schools: Off Limits (5273916) 9.25 Schools at Work (1654409) 9.30 Eurekal (T) (4195577) 9.45 Stop, Look, Listen (T) (7345041) 10.02 Lost Animals (4280003) 10.10 TVM (T) (5860747) 10.25 Caraidean (4315652) 10.40 Top!

(2036157) 11.00 Scotscapes (3015954) 11.15 Stage One (1) (3005577) 11.30 Sophie's Meet Course: Offal (3/6) (/) (T) (1022) 12.00 Sesame Street (39041) 12.30pm Light Lunch (69409) 1.30 Gardens without Borders (84091848)

1.45 A Child's Dream (59550732) 1.50 Third Time Lucky (1949) starring
Demot Walsh and Glynis Johns. A
professional gambler finds love with the
young woman who brought him luck.
Directed by Gordon Parry (82744596)

3.30 Garden Doctors (r) (T) (1/6) (225) 4.00 Fifteen-to-One (T) (732) 4.30 Countdown (T) (1458848) 4.55 Ricki Lake: Are Some Women Addicted to Having Babies (T) (9298003) 5.30 Pet Rescue (T) (596)

6.00 TFI Friday The guests include Ricki Lake and the Lightning Seeds (41374) 7.00 Channel 4 News (T) (333335) 7.55 The Political Slot An MP offers an

opinion (314577) 8.00 The Best of Collectors' Lot (2/6) Highlights of the series about collectors and their valuable possessions.

Presented by Sue Cook, Russell Labey and Jethro Maries (T) (2770)

8.30 Brookside Can Eleanor face up to her



Matt Le Blanc finds love (9.000m)

9.00 Friends: The One With the Screamer Joey's play receives terrible reviews but his romance with his co-star is

blossoming (T) (987954) 9.35 Etien Comedy starring Ellen DeGeneres. Joe is fired by the new manager of the bookstore (T) (718225)

10.00 Frazier: Dephne Hates Sharry Daphne decides to stay at Niles's apartment to avoid Sherry (T) (30770)

10.30 Rory Bremner — Who Else? Political satire (841845) 11.10 Crapston Villes A suburbia (T) (144409) 11.25 TFI Friday (r) (853225)

12.30em Bedazzled (1967) starring Peter
Cook and Dudley Moore, A cornedy in
which the Devil grants a man with a crush on a waitress seven wishes. Directed by Stanley Donen (572287)

2.25 Life Begins at 40 (1935, b/w) starring
Will Rogers as a newspaper editor
campeigning to prove the innocence of a
man accused of robbing a bank. Directed by George Marshall (1) (9559875)

3.50 The Hunger Artist (r) (7018900) 4.40 Flave (r) (26181097) 5.10 Desire (1/5) (r) (T) (5209691)

CHANNEL 5 ON SATELLITE Channel 5 is now broadcasting on transponder No 63 on the Astra Satellite. Viewers with a Videocrypt decoder will be able to receive the channel free of charge, Frequencies for transponder No 63 are picture: 10.92075 GHz, sound: 7.02 and 7.20 MHz

6.00am 5 News Early (2227577)

7.30 Milkshake (4980119) 7.35 Kablam! (6374770) 8.00 Havakazoo (r) (9140995) 8.30 WideWorld Documentary sense on the

Victorian era (1/10) (2481356) 9.00 Espresso Consumer affairs magazine (2262022) 10.00 Exclusive (r) (8369374) 10.30 Was it Good for You? (r) (4469680) 11,00 Leezz Chai show (7924428) 11.50

Double Espresso (94108428) 12.00 The Bold and the Beautiful (T) (6990472) 12.30pm Family Affairs (r) (T) (8104461) 1.00 5 News Update (74098747) 1.05 Sunsat Beach (T) (3993935) 2.00 5's Company (8961003)

3.30 Let's Do it Again (1975) sterring and directed by Sidney Politier, with Bill Cosby. A comedy sequel to Uptown Salurday Night (2221393) 5,36 Whittle Audience participation game

show (T) (3358683) 6.00 100 Per Cent Ouiz game without a host 6.30 Family Affairs Duncan and Tim are

mistaken for a couple at a gay night (T) (3346848)7.00 Name That Tune (5937022)

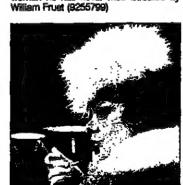
7.30 Exclusive Serah Cox talks to Richard E. Grant (3335732) 8.00 Jenny Eclair Squats (5946770) 8.30 5 News (T) (5932577)

9.00 Broken Bedgee (1990) starting Miguel
Ferrer A drama about an unconventional
policeman investigating the murder of a
respected and wealthy couple

10.50 La Femme Nikita Adventures of a

female special agent (4584409)

11.45 Bedroom Eyes (1984) starring Kenneth
Gilman. A drama about a man who
becomes the prime suspect in a murder case because of his obsession with a woman he has never met. Directed by



Sandra Milo stars (1.25am)

1.25 am 8% (1963, b/w) Marcello Mastroisnni and Claudia Cardinale star in this classic tale about a film director trying to get a new project off the ground. Directed by Federico Fellini (82405392)

3.50 Flying Down to Rio (1933, b/w). A musical featuring the first pairing of Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers. Thornton Freeland directs (10723726)

5.20 The Road (57248523) 5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (2250287)

SATELLITE AND CABLE



Michael Caine admires the view in Get Carter (TNT, 11.00pm)

II (55823157) 8.00 Blockbusters (2527-27) 8.38 A Country Prendice (55804022) 7.00 My Two Wees (50344799) 7.39 Men of the World (55800205) 8.00 Blue Healers 20002057 8.00 Loveloy (80008003) 10.00 (89026857) \$4.00 Lovejoy (89006003) 10.00 The Good Sex Guide (86044770) 10.30 Collins and Maconle's Move Club (98020190) 11.00 St Esswhere (84074312) 12.00 Fast Forward (15480366) 12.30ess

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CARTOON NETWORK

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(1995) (4965428) 12.45m. Tour of Duly (3084765) 1.45 The Red Shoe Duries (4367702) 2.30 FE.M: An Eye for an Eye (1981) (4538252) 4,30 The Head (67346 5,00 The A-Team (6837097)

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7.00pm Grace Under Fire (8374) 7.30 Resease (3799) 3.00 Sten (7022) 3.30 Cybil (6157) 9.00 Creets (822200) 9.25 Doppelgenger (619480) 9.30 Taxi (76321) 10.00 Monty Python's Pytho Circus (84374), 10.30 The Kenty Exertit Show (73022) 11.00 Parestourit Presents (85557) 11.25 Doppelgenger (848848) 11.30 Ellen (21645) 12.00 Roseame (48707) 12.30em Northstand (25369) 1.05 Seen (81184) 1.30 345) 12**.00 Rossenne (48707) 12.30mm** Instand (25368) 1.00 Soep (81184) 1.30

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4.00pm The Diceman (7563751) 4.30 loedshow (8372577) 5.30 Beyo 7583515) 6.00 Unterned / OUS Universe (6828409) 7.30 Disaster (7580664) 8.00 Ultimata Galde (6083835) 9.00 Forensic Detectives (6003799) 10.00 Medical Detectives (8629645) 10.30 Medical Detectives (9638393) 11,00 Weepons of War (4628935) 12,00 Fightline (3343165) 12,30em Roadshow (5018639) 1,00 Disaster (6758900) 1,30 Beyond 2000 (2447252) 2.00 Close

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC 7.00pcs Wild hely Relage of the Wolf (78793-4) 7.30 Mystery of the Crop Crote (5833732) 8.00 Gent Pends: The Lest Relage (324949) 8.00 The Explorers, A Century of Discovery (3236916) 10.00 Mystcane: Through Their Eyes (3238003) 11.00 The Sound of Young Moutains (4828035) 12.00 Wild hely Relage of the Wolf (3834981) 12.30mm Mystery of the Crop Circles (747692) 1.00 Crose

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4.00pm War in the East The Road to Stalingrad: Part Two (7106041) 5.00 History Encore (8570799) 7.00 Biography: Lucrezia Borgia (2001799) 8.00 Close CARLTON FOOD (cable)

12.00pm Food Network Daily 12.30 Sopties's Meet Courte 1.00 Food for Thought 1.30 High Days and Other Days 2.00 Hictorn and Hulls 2.30 Food Network Daily 3.00 French Lunch 3.30 Grahem Kern's Kohen 4.00 Ideal Home Cooks 4.30 Planet Nosh 5.00 Close

S.00em Tiny Living 9.00 / Dream of Jeannie 9.30 The Gordon Etion Show 10.10 Jerry Springer 11.00 The Young and the Restless 11.50 Mysteries, Magic and Miracles 12.20pm Why Me? 1.00 Tempesti 1.60 Ready, Steady, Cook 2.30 Chizap Chic 3.00 Live at Three 4.05 Jerry Springer 8.00 Riclonda 5.50 Lucky Ledders 6.20 Ready, Steady, Cook 7.00 Hears Afre 7.30 Mysteries, Magic and Miracles 8.00 Adminalin Junides 9.00 Haifter to 11.00 The Sex Piles II 12.00 Close ZEE TV

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8.00em Morning Glory (891799) 9.00 Hotel (52864) 10.00 Another World (37770) 11.00 8,00am Morting Glory (\$21789) 9.00 Hotel (£286) 1.00 Another World (\$770) 11.00 Days of Cur Lives (£4208) 12.00 Oprah-Writtey (11634) 1.00pan (£6014) 3.00 Jerny Jones (£926) 4.00 Oprah Writtey (£9585) 5.00 Star Treic Voyager (£157) 6.00 Shoubiz Weeldy (7119) 6.30 Married ... will Children (1769) 7.00 The Simpsonys (£956) 7.20 Real TV (£189) 3.00 Highlands (£020) Series (£5515) 2.00 Waller, Bessé Reager (£575) 19.00 Stard and Beller (£200) 10.30 Stard and Beller (£200)) (94810) 2.00 Long Play (5944349) SKY MOVIES SCREEN 1

(26632954) 7.46 Breaking Aumy (1957) (51077022) 9.30 Rody (1963) (1840) 11.30 The Secret of Mush (1962) (74577) 1.00pm Operation Dumbo Drop (1995) (9520) 3.00 Breaking Aumy (1972a 11577) 8.00 Pressing Aumy (1972a 1.00pm Operation Bumbo Drop (1985) (9520) 3.00 Breaking Jassy (1979) (11577) 5.00 Kensen (1996) (74138) 7.00 Operation Dumbo Brop (1995) (34853) 9.00 Stolen Hearth (1996) (88510) 12.50em The Unholy (1988) (551349) 2.35 Only When I Laugh (1981) (22287) 4.35 The Secret of Nimit (1982) (5088455) SKY MOVIES SCREEN 2 6,00sm The Leopard Men. (1943) (5092022) 7.19 The Curse of the Cut

People (1944) [5797139] 8.20 Transformers: The Movie (1906) [27841205) 10.00 Foul (1947) [67577] 12.00 Four Trans Street (1944) (537428) 1.40pm #8a in a Jeop (1944) (537428) 1.40pm Mademolestic Fili (1944) (8237857) 2.50 The Curse of the Cul Feople (1944) (9157896) 4.00 Time Warrior Jettiney 6 on (\$157366) 4.00 Time Warrier, Johnney to the Megic Cassern (1995) (7003) 6.00 Seducitor in a Small Town (1995) (\$0683) 8.00 Down, Out and Dengarous (1995) (42041) 10.05 Broken Arrew (1995) (\$58954) 12.00 Dream Med (1994) (744962) 1.35em Behind Closed Down Japan Broken 2.18 The Description (744962) 1.35mm Sehlad Clesed Door (1994) (613345) 3.15 The Detective (1998) (23833184)

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Van Gaal offers consolation

Newcastle gain support from unlikely source

EVEN in the post-match press conference. Newcastle United's venture into the Nou shake off the surreal qualities that had surrounded their European Cup Champions' League meeting with

When Louis van Gaal, the coach of the Spanish club, spoke, he did so in the language of the visiting team, waiting for it to be translated for the benefit of the local media with an air of almost complete indifference.

Van Gaal has some Span-ish, but his mistrust of journalists in Barcelona is such that he preferred to converse with them, grudgingly, in English. Only when the Spanish press had departed did he visibly relax and open up to the extent that he almost broke into a smile. His theme? Football in England.

The former coach of Ajax is something of an aficionado of the FA Carling Premiership. His affection for the English game is apparently stronger than that for the sport in the country where he now plies his trade. The great tactician and organiser admires, naturally enough, the discipline of

English players Surprisingly, he also has time for the standard of the game in Britain. When many would mock Newcastle's desperately flat performance in Barcelona, Van Gaal placed an emphasis on the positive. In particular, he suggested that there is no need for pessimism about the future of the game in England, despite Newcastle's early exit from the Champions' League. "I

'Alan Shearer is one of the

way they play," he said. "But when you lose your two strikers you are almost finished.

best strikers around and any team without him and their second striker would find it impossible. But I think in Shearer, English football has a symbol that raises hope. Not only does he prove there is great technique in your game, but he will remain in England.

"I wanted to sign him when was coach at Ajax, but I know it would be very difficult for me to sign him now. He earns a million dollars a year in England and if someone offers him 12 million dollars, it would not matter to him.

English football has the money to keep all its best players now and bring in the best overseas players. In a very short time that will become significant."

accurate in the sense that Newcastle would certainly have proved a greater threat had they been able to draw on their first-choice forwards. However, their performance in the Nou Camp illustrated a constant British failing of



Van Gaal: admiring

Everyone expected John Barnes to play up front in Barcelona, including, it seems, the Newcastle players. Kenny Dalglish decided to employ him in midfield, but even his team did not know that until the eve of the game. Thus Newcastle went into an important match not having once

tried out a new formation. Whereas Barcelona have worked on their system since July, honing every aspect of the new demands of Van Gaal. Newcastle go into matches may adopt and play mostly off the cuff, relying on individual

It may work in the Premiership, but against the continen-tal elite it frequently does not. Of England's representatives in Europe, only Manchester United have a defined system that the players work on constantly in training, allowing them to feel comfortable with their tactics in matches.

This lack of preparation is a throw-back to the past when physically strong English teams felt that they could simply turn up and hold an advantage. Now they are matched in every department by European rivals who are better prepared tactically.

It is something that
Dalglish must quickly ad-

dress, but for the present he Once again the paucity of his squad was exposed and with it the now increasingly pertinent question of why money has not been made available to

In his post-match analysis. the Newcastle manager clearly indicated that he needs to strengthen his squad, and the feeling persists that he is extremely frustrated at the lack of funds made available to do so, despite assurances when he took over at St James' Park that money was avail-

There was at least one brighter note for the immediate future in the second-half performance of Aaron Hughes, the 18-year-old central defender. Hughes made an impressive appearance as a second-half substitute against Barcelona and his performance drew praise from Bryan Hamilton, the former

Northern Ireland manager. "He's going to be a really good player, no doubt about it. le's a super kid, who wants to learn, and at 6ft he's already a great size for a centre half," Hamilton said. "He can play the ball out of defence well and is very level-headed and sensible - a great pro."



Yawning glory: Paul Grayson, the Northampton fly half, found the England training session yesterday somewhat less than gripping. There will be no rest, though, for Nick Greenstock, who will replace Phil de Glanville for the match at Twickenham on Saturday. Report, page 48

TV dispute may delay Lewis bout

Evander Holyfield for the undisputed heavyweight championship of the world could be delayed indefinitely because of a wrangle between HBO and Showtime, two leading American cable television companies. Both are claiming the right to show the bout. It appears the matter can only be resolved by Holyfield taking a

According to Showtime, its contract with Don King, Holyfield's promoter, allows it to demand 30 days' notice to negotiate for the contest and match a bid by any other television company. However, HBO is adament that Lewis is contracted to appear exclu-

sively on its channels. Panos Eliades, the head of Panix, the company promot-ing Lewis, said last night: "I've just spoken to HBO and they have put Showtime on notice that the fight can only be shown on TVKO [HBO's pay-

"Everything was looking good, but then we ran into trouble when Don King went to Showtime to ask them to waive their rights. They refused. And HBO naturally cannot be expected to budge either as they have Lennox under exclusive contract.

lawyer] to step in. King may be tied to Showtime, but Holy-field isn't. If Holyfield wants to fight Lennox, as we all think he does, he must tell King that his contract with Showtime has nothing to do with him.

"Even Seth Abraham [the president of Time-Warner Sport, the parent company of HBO) is not too optimistic. He said if Holyfield does not act, the fight was unlikely to be

Eliades said one solution would be to give the promotion to Panix, with King acting

Thomas has always said that Holyfield wants to fight Lewis because he wants to retire as undisputed champion and Lewis is the only heavyweight of his era he has not

While confirming King has a right to stage Holyfield's contests. Thomas also believes that if King, for any reason. cannot act in the best interests of Holyfield, the contract with the promoter could not prevent Holyfield from signing with another company.

Thus Eliades's plan for Panix to take over the promotion is a possibility Holyfield

million in lost revenue.

Danny Baker

on the dream

England Test trial put in cold storage for two years

A CONGESTED 1998 cricket fixture list means that there is no room for the match between England A and The Rest, which has opened the new season for the past two years and given the selectors an early opportunity to assess emerging talent.

In the game at Edgbaston last season, Ben Hollioake made such a good impression; that he won a place in the Texaco Trophy series and went on to a full Test debut at

"It's not a policy decision to drop the fixture, it's more of a scheduling problem," Tim England and Wales Cricket Board, said yesterday.

"We are starting the season a week earlier than normal because we want to give players a day off between a lest match and a possible vital one-day game. If you look at the fixtures, there is a day off between the end of the second Test at Lord's and the NatWest Trophy first round; the England players deserve a

"We did not think we could play the England A game even earlier because the senior England squad only returns from the West Indies on April 10. We are not ruling the

although I would have thought it unlikely to take place in 1999 because of the World Cup."

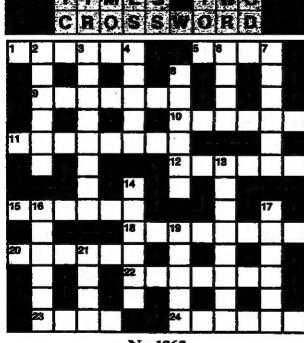
Glamorgan, who claimed their first county championship since 1969 by beating Somerset at Taunton in September, begin their defence of the title against Gloucestershire - one of the pace-setters April 17 before returning to Cardiff to entertain Kent, who finished runners-up.

Sussex, the tailenders last season, will hope for better things under their new captain. Chris Adams, whose former county, Derbyshire, visit Horsham on May 21.

A varied international programme begins with the threematch Texaco Trophy series against South Africa before the five-Test programme against the same opponents starts at Edgbaston on June 4. Sri Lanka, holders of the World Cup, have been awarded another one-off Test but this will be at the Oval.

than at Lord's as in the past. Surrey, emphatic winners against Kent in the Benson and Hedges Cup final last season, begin the competition on April 28 against Hampshire while Essex, the NatWest Trophy winners, travel to Cheshire for their first-round tie on June 24.

starting on August 27, rather



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Referees to send themselves off David Maddock reports on a strike threat for a solution and it appears it

t is becoming common within football for players Let call a strike as a protest about pay and conditions, but referees? Never. In Spain. preparing to blow the whistle on this weekend's programme

The men everyone in foothall loves to hate are striking, not about their fee of £500 a match, but because they have criticism that they naturally

It all began with an official complaint by Miguel Ros, the president of Valencia, who sent videos to the Spanish Football Federation in support of claims that referees are biased against his team.

It has grown out of all proportion, because in Spain there are rather exaggerated

Small:

than

gional differences, particularly between Basques, Cata-lans and Madrilenos, and this

has led to claims of regional bias. There is intense suspicion every time a northern referee officiates for a southem team - and vice versa. It finally came to a head last

Saturday when Barcelona were venomous in their criticism of Alfonso Perez Burrull, who officiated in their match with Ovideo. They had a point. Fernando Couto was blatantly pushed to the ground by an Ovideo forward, and when he picked the ball up for the anticipated free deliberate handball.

Plus: Simon Barnes on Peter O'Sullevan's fareweil

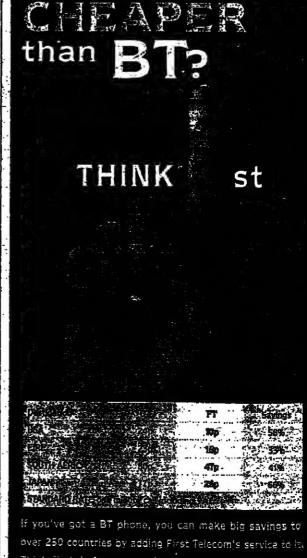
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will get its way. Even if the by Spain's much-criticised men in black refuse to change their minds, the matches will go ahead All hell broke loose, but now the referees are calling leagues taking their place. foul. They have refused to officiate for the sweekend's Predictably, the critical coaches who aroused the ref-

programme 2/1 have even called Victoriano Arminio, the crees' passion in the first place have not been sympathetic. Many have said that the president of the referees' assoamateurs will do a better job, ciation, a traitor because he has attempted to broker a and Louis van Gaal, the solution. Angel Villar, the Barcelona coach, went one president of the Spanish Footstep further. ... ball Federation, has returned He has been an outspoken to Madrid early from a Uefa critic of referees and his meeting in Brussels in an

comments yesterday raised the spectre of another strike. attempt to avoid the calamity of a lost programme, which The referees have not considered what they have been would cost more than 15 saying about the players, and TVE, the state broadcasting especially the coaches," he said. "Maybe we can go on company, which covers the Spanish league, is desperate strike in protest."

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